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20 suspected HFMD cases

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REPORTER

Several clinics on Saipan have reported about 20 cases of hand-foot-mouth disease, prompting the Department of Public Health to issue an advisory yesterday, warning people to take necessary precautions to avoid getting infected.

FOR MORE INFO

- Division of Public Health: 236-8703
- Centers for Disease Control: www.cdc.gov

Dr. Richard Brostrom, Medical director for the Division of Public Health, confirmed that 20 children with ages ranging from 2 to 8 years old were reported by private clinics of suspected hand-foot-mouth disease as of Friday, May 21, 2010.

Hand-foot-mouth disease is a common viral infection that usually occurs in infants and young children. Brostrom said the disease is not considered a

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PREVENTION MEASURES

Hand-foot-mouth disease is difficult to prevent. However, risk of infection could be reduced by doing the following:

- Washing hands frequently with soap and warm water for 20 seconds, especially before and after meals, after using the toilet, and after changing diapers.
- Clean and disinfect dirty

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MEMORIAL WEEK

Acting Gov. Eloy S. Inos, seated second from left, poses with military personnel, veterans, 2010 Liberation Day Queen candidates and other government officials for a group photo right after he signed a proclamation yesterday morning declaring May 25 to 31 Memorial Week, to honor the men and women who died in military service. Memorial Day will be on Monday, May 31.

CPUC mulls lower power rate hike

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Consultants for both the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. and the Commonwealth Public Utilities Commission have come up with a lower rate hike proposal for the leveled energy adjustment clause, and



Malae

a decision on this is expected to be out in a week's time.

Abe Utu Malae, CUC assistant executive director, told *Saipan Tribune* that Georgetown and Economist.com have recommended lowering the initial 37 percent rate hike proposal to just 16.7

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Koblerville Youth Center burglarized

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The Koblerville Youth Learning Center was burglarized yesterday morning and a computer set worth \$2,000 was stolen.

"Enough is enough. Why

would someone steal from the children of the CNMI? Shame on you!" said a visibly upset Youth Affairs Office special assistant Michael Manglona.

Manglona said the burglar or burglars managed to get

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Local

DPL's projected revenue for FY11 falls below \$3M

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The Department of Public Lands is projecting revenue to fall below \$3 million in Fiscal Year 2011 as income from public land leases, beach side concessions, road side vendors and farmers/ranchers fees steadily decline, Public Lands Secretary Oscar M. Babauta said yesterday.

Babauta, a former speaker of the House and member of the Legislature for several terms, was on the other side of the fence yesterday when the House Ways and Means Committee held a budget hearing on DPL's FY 2011 budget.

Babauta said DPL's FY 2011 projected revenue is only \$2.820 million, a 6-percent drop from the FY 2010 projected revenue.

"Our projected revenue is 6 percent down over last year because of closure of businesses that used to lease public lands, and decrease in rentals, concessions, signboard fees," Babauta told *Saipan Tribune* after the budget hearing.

DPL is tasked with managing leases of public lands on behalf of people of Northern Marianas descent.

After deducting administrative costs from the collected fees, DPL transfers the balance to the Marianas Public Land

Trust, which then invests the money. Income earned from those investments is transferred to the general fund for appropriation by the Legislature.

In FY 2008, DPL projected a revenue of \$3.232 million but ended up actually collecting \$3.188 million.

A year later, DPL projected

Superior Court Associate Judge Kenneth Govendo modified yesterday the bail of a suspected supplier of illegal drugs who was allegedly found in possession of a gun and ammunitions.

The original bail was \$5,000

\$3.082 million but collected only \$2.882 million in FY 2009.

For FY 2010, the department projected \$3.011 million in revenue. But for the first quarter, DPL collected only \$587,489.80, which is already far below the projected quarterly revenue.

Babauta said there has been no new major investors wanting

to lease public lands, other than those that already committed to projects years back, including Marianas Resort Development Corp., which plans to build a \$300 million casino hotel on Tinian.

DPL issued notices of termination to two other investors—Neo Gold Wings Paradise and Flame Sako Resort & Spa—whose

project plans total \$1.8 billion, because of their inability to pay land leases and for being unable to secure financial commitments from investors or financing institutions. Neo Gold Wings planned to build a \$1 billion casino resort on Tinian, while Flame Sako planned to build an \$800 million hotel in Marpi.

Bail reduced for suspected illegal drugs supplier

Once Palacios posts bail, he will be allowed to visit his daughter every weekend.

Govendo reminded Palacios that the charges are pending in court and if he commits another crime, there will be more charges and this may result in his mother losing her house.

"You've got to control yourself and follow the court order," the judge told Palacios.

Eric Smith, lawyer for Palacios, asked the court to modify the original \$5,000 cash bail, saying his client is not a flight risk.

Smith said the marijuana and small amount of methamphetamine allegedly seized from his client have not been tested in a laboratory yet.

At the same time, having a gun in the house is not an indication that a person poses a danger to the community, he said.

Assistant attorney general

Brian Gallagher, on behalf of the government, opposed the bail modification, saying the charges filed against Palacios are extraordinarily serious.

"Drugs and guns are just a bad mix," Gallagher said.

Police said five marijuana plants were recovered during a search of the unfinished portion of Palacios' house by members of the CNMI Customs and the Department of Public Safety's Drug Enforcement Task Force.

Police also allegedly found a shoe box containing marijuana leaves, wrapped marijuana branches, an ashtray with a weed pipe and leaves in it, and a smoked marijuana joint.

Also found was a chest harness (strapping system) that contained a Smith & Wesson .38 special revolver, a speed loader, and approximately 23 .38 caliber bullets, police said. (*Ferdie de la Torre*)

Man on probation nabbed for alleged domestic violence

An ex-convict who is on federal probation was arrested Monday night for allegedly beating up his common-law wife on Saipan.

During a Gerstein hearing yesterday, Superior Court associate judge Perry B. Inos found probable cause to detain Francisco Nakatsukasa Basa for assault and battery, and disturbing the peace. Inos found no probable cause to detain Basa on the

charge of assault with a dangerous weapon.

Inos imposed a \$150 cash bail plus unsecured bond for the Basa's temporary release.

The judge directed Basa to notify the U.S. Probation Office about his arrest.

Preliminary hearing was set for June 2 at 9am.

At yesterday's hearing, detective Buddy Igitol testified that Basa threatened to beat up his brother-in-law after a drinking session at Dandan Homestead.

Basa's wife tried to stop him from fighting and he allegedly turned on her, choking and punched her in the face.

In June 2006, the federal court sentenced Basa to four years and six months in prison after being convicted of conspiracy to distribute 50 grams of methamphetamine or "ice." Basa was placed on five years of supervised release after serving the prison term. (*Ferdie de la Torre*)

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House approves Fitia's \$149M budget for FY 2011

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The House of Representatives unanimously approved yesterday Gov. Benigno R. Fitia's budget proposal for Fiscal Year 2011.

Fitia, in his April 1 budget submission to the Legislature, identified a total of \$149.371 million in projected resources for FY 2011, which begins on Oct. 1, 2010 and ends on Sept. 30, 2011.

Of this figure, \$132 million is available for government operations.

House Concurrent Resolution 17-2, HD1, introduced by Rep. Ramon Basa (Cov-Saipan), ap-

proves revenues and resources of the CNMI, as identified pursuant to Article III, Section 9(a) of the Constitution, as amended, and 1 CMC, Division 7, for FY 2011.



Basa

Rep. Ray N. Yumul (R-Saipan) introduced a floor amendment that lowered

the concurrent resolution's original figure of \$149.371 million to \$149.171 million, due to the lowered interest earnings estimated by the Marianas Public

Land Trust. Yumul also added a "deficit reduction" item.

The House, in adopting the concurrent resolution, said it desires to approve these resources which are available for appropriation in FY 2011 less debt service previously appropriated.

The CNMI government will be forced to shut down if no budget is enacted for FY 2011 following the ratification of House Legislative Initiative 16-11 in the Nov. 7, 2009 general elections. The initiative removed the provision for a continuing budget resolution and bars any withdrawals from the general funds except through legislative appropriations. It also suspends the salaries of lawmakers if no budget is passed on time.

May 25-31 is Memorial Week

This coming Monday is Memorial Day and the CNMI kicked off this year's commemoration with a proclamation signing yesterday on Capital Hill, designating the week of May 25 to 31 as Memorial Week to honor men and women who have laid down their lives in defense of the nation.

Acting Gov. Eloy S. Inos called on the Commonwealth community to observe this week with appropriate ceremonies and activities in support of American troops and their families all over the world.

As part the week's events, a small baseball tournament will be held featuring teams from the CNMI and at least two confirmed teams from Guam. The tournament begins on Friday at 6:30pm and continues until Sunday evening. There will be games all day Saturday and Sunday.

After learning that Saipan Mayor Donald Flores planned on playing as a pitcher in the tournament, Inos joked: "You

know what happens when you pitch. When you pitch I catch."

Part of the proclamation states, "We uphold the ideals for which many have given their last full measure of devotion. ...[We] must never waver in...our determination to defend...to be faithful in protecting liberty at home and abroad, and to pursue peace in the world." (*Dencio Manglona*)

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'ICE priority in NMI is removing criminal aliens'

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REPORTER

The U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement's priority in the CNMI right now is removing criminal aliens, according to ICE spokesperson Lori Haley.

"As an agency, ICE remains committed to smart, effective immigration enforcement that

focuses first on criminal aliens who pose a threat to public safety," said the California-based Haley in an e-mail.

Haley was reacting to Department of Labor deputy secretary Cinta Kaipat's statement that ICE was dragging its feet in removing deportable individuals from the CNMI.

Kaipat had bristled at the suggestion that Labor was not

cooperating with ICE, and reminded Haley that the CNMI is not "a colony."

Kaipat stated that Haley's allegation that Labor was not responding to ICE's requests relating to more than 500 deportation referrals was not true and even inflammatory.

Kaipat criticized ICE for not deporting anyone in the six months they have been in

charge of deportations in the Commonwealth.

"So now we have a public affairs officer, Ms. Halley, saying that it is our fault, not ICE's fault, for this rather astonishing record," Kaipat said.

Haley pointed out that ICE is responsible for enforcing federal immigration laws.

"We recognize the importance of working with our fed-

eral, state and local law enforcement partners to carry out that mission," Halley said.

The ICE spokesperson did not elaborate further.

Kaipat had issued her statement in reaction to Haley's interview with *Saipan Tribune* last week where she stated that ICE had repeatedly asked Labor to provide it additional biographical information on more

than 500 deportation referrals, but Labor has yet to respond to these requests.

Saipan Tribune counted 58 number of removal cases that have been filed with the Saipan U.S. Immigration court since the federalization law took effect on Nov. 28, 2009. Most of the respondents are convicted of criminal charges both in federal and local courts. The immigration court has ordered the removal of some of the respondents and granted voluntary departure to a few.



RECOGNITION DAY

The Green Meadow School held its Recognition Day on May 21, 2010, with Edward Arriola Jr. of Tan Holdings Corp., inset, as the inspirational speaker.

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The Green Meadow School held its 7th Commencement Exercises for its 43 kindergarten students on May 21, 2009, with former governor Juan Nekai Babauta, inset, as the keynote speaker.

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Task force reviews the Pacific's '09 H1N1 pandemic experience

NADI, Fiji Islands—A three-day meeting of the Pacific Avian and Pandemic Influenza Task Force began yesterday in Nadi, Fiji Islands, to examine the region's responses to last year's H1N1 pandemic and identify how preparedness and response plans can be improved.

The 2009 H1N1 pandemic showed how important it is for Pacific Island countries and territories, PICTs, to have preparedness and response plans in place along with resources to implement them. Almost all Pacific areas were affected by the H1N1 pandemic influenza last year. Only Niue, Tokelau and Pitcairn Islands had no cases recorded.

"Fortunately the disease was moderate in severity," said Jennie Fischer, coordinator of the Pacific Regional Influenza Pandemic Preparedness Project at the Secretariat of the Pacific Community. "Its impact in the region was mitigated by the plans that PICTs have been preparing in recent years with support from PRIPPP and other

partners, but the pandemic also revealed some weak points."

At this forum, PICTs will be able to make recommendations on the medium and longer-term support they need to strengthen their capacities to respond to a possible second wave of H1N1 or other pandemics.

Around 60 health professionals, involved in both human and animal health, from 22 Pacific governments and international/regional organizations will take part in the discussions.

"It's important for professionals from animal and human health sectors to meet at forums like this because we know that approximately 75 per cent of human emerging diseases are 'zoonoses' [animal-based diseases]," added Fischer.

"The region remains vulnerable to the introduction of Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza A/H5N1 virus, which has killed 60 percent of the people who have contracted it so far. We must stay vigilant."

The meeting will also look at ongoing activities to im-

prove the region's ability to respond to any other emerging diseases. This is in line with the World Health Organization's International Health Regulations and the aims of the PRIPP project.

The Fiji meeting is being organized by SPC under the PRIPP project, with financial assistance from the Australian and New Zealand agencies for international development.

The Pacific Regional Influenza Pandemic Preparedness Project is a four-year project (2006-2010) designed to build the capacity of the region to deal with the potential threat of emerging infectious diseases, in particular avian influenza and pandemic influenza. It is implemented by SPC in collaboration with WHO, the World Organization for Animal Health and the Food and Agriculture Organization. It covers 22 Pacific Island countries and territories. (SPC)

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serious illness but must still be prevented from occurring.

Saipan Tribune learned that the CNMI last recorded a "cluster" of hand-foot-mouth disease five years ago, involving a fewer number of infections.

Brostrom said there have been no serious complications

or deaths from hand-foot-mouth disease to date.

According to Brostrom, all 20 suspected cases are being managed well by their own physicians. He estimates that a child infected by the disease usually have two to seven days to recover.

He confirmed that majority of the infected children are public elementary students but he declined to name the schools.

Since the disease is commonly

spread in classrooms, Brostrom is confident the number would drop because public and private schools will soon be out.

Although classified as not serious, Brostrom emphasized the need to alert parents about their children who are sick. He advised that children with the disease should be taken home for treatment.

DPH described hand-foot-mouth disease as a viral illness

that begins with a fever, poor appetite, feeling unwell, and often a sore throat. After a day or two, an infected person may develop painful sores inside and around the mouth. They may also develop a non-itchy rash, mainly on the palm of the hands and the sole of the feet.

DPH said hand-foot-mouth disease is not the same disease as foot-and-mouth disease that occurs in animals.

Hand-foot-mouth disease can be spread from person-to-person by contact with infected secretions of the mouth and nose, fluid from sores or blisters, and close contact such as hugging and kissing someone with the disease.

An infected person is most contagious during the first week of the illness but may remain contagious a few weeks after they become well.

surfaces, including toys. You could easily disinfect by making a solution of chlorine bleach, made by adding 1 tablespoon of bleach to four cups of water.

■ Avoid close contact with persons with the disease. Avoid hugging, kissing, sharing eating utensils and cups.

Source: CNMI Department of Public Health

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percent, to take effect from June to September this year.

In its May 5 proposal, CUC had wanted to adjust the LEAC rate from the current \$0.20147 per kilowatt-hour to \$0.27634 per kWh. Under the revised proposal, the LEAC rate will be adjusted to \$0.24446 per kWh.

CPUC will review the proposal and will issue its final de-

cision this week.

The levelized energy adjustment charge takes into account the rising and falling prices of diesel fuel oil purchased by CUC over a period of time—usually six months. However, it also takes into account other minor components, such as the government tax on fuel, statutory contribution to the Office of the Public Auditor, under- or over-recovery from a previous reckoning period, regulatory and technical sup-

port, and volatility risk of the fuel market.

Average residential customers consuming 525 kWh per month usually pay \$135.87. Under the proposed new rate, this will go up to \$158.44—a difference of \$22.57, which translates to 16.7-percent increase in their electric bill.

Malae pointed out that it is the levelized energy adjustment clause—or cost of fuel component—that will be increased in order to pay for the

higher cost of fuel.

The new proposal is across the board, he said, applying to both residential and commercial customers.

Malae pointed out that CUC does not unilaterally arrive at proposed rates and fees. Prior to the hearing, CUC is grilled over several months with hundreds of "discovery questions" by the CPUC consultants. The goal is not only to determine the fairest and just rates but to ensure that CUC continuously

makes improvements so that savings can be passed on to customers.

When asked how CUC can lower the levelized energy adjustment clause to prevent further increases in electric bill, Malae said it can be done by making the production and distribution of energy more efficient and eliminating unaccounted-for electricity.

However, he said the biggest factor is the use of renewable energy.

"The biggest reduction in LEAC, though, would be through renewable or alternative energy. It is imperative that the CNMI government take the lead on this rather than relying on CUC. We have our hands full at CUC meeting stipulated orders and trying to operate the utility within existing parameters. This initiative is of national and territorial significance and calls for support from all levels of government," said Malae.

KOBLERVILLE

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inside the office by forcibly opening a window in a storage room.

He said it was acting program coordinator Vernon Lee Inos Manglona who discovered the burglary when he came to the center.

Police were already called to investigate the break-in.

Michael Manglona said he was very outraged upon learning of the incident so he called concerned parents and students in Koblerville to make a strong statement against these burglars.

He said the center's window was previously damaged but they just replaced it.

"But this one, they not only broke our window, they not only went inside, but they stole. They stole from the children of

the CNMI!" he said.

Manglona suspected a group of young people armed with a baseball bat and rocks of vandalizing the center in October 2007.

The youth center is an after-

school program where children hang out after school and avail of tutoring services and homework sessions. The tools are all donations from community members for the use of children in Koblerville.

Aguon resigns from the Fund

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REPORTER

After nearly 18 years of service with the NMI Retirement Fund in different capacities, administrator Mark Aguon turned in his resignation letter yesterday to pursue higher studies in the U.S.

mainland.

He recommended Richard Villagomez, his deputy administrator, to take over his post in an acting capacity pending the selection of new administrator.

Fund trustee vice chair Jerry Crisostomo said that Aguon's resignation is effective July 30.

Aguon will continue working until July 16, whereupon he will take advantage of his unused leave credits.

In his resignation letter, which Crisostomo read during yesterday's board meeting, Aguon thanked the Fund's trustees for giving him the opportunity to

work at the agency.

He promised to ensure a smooth transition process and recommended expediting the announcement of the vacancy.

The board accepted the resignation letter yesterday and instructed the Fund management to work on hiring a new admin-

istrator as soon as possible.

Board chair Sixto Igisomar earlier described Aguon as a dedicated Fund employee and one of its long-time assets. He also credited Aguon with keeping the retirement program's fiscal integrity for many years.

The board elected yesterday new chairpersons and members of two committees.

Jerry Crisostomo was elected

chairperson of the finance and investment committee while Pedro Dela Cruz was named his vice chair. Marian Tudela was chosen as a committee member.

For the operations, personnel and review committee, the board elected Bernardita Palacios as chairperson while Francisco Rosario was named vice chair. They will be assisted by committee member Adelina Roberto.

Fund trustees nix proposed 51 percent actuarial rate

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REPORTER

The NMI Retirement Fund's board of trustees adopted yesterday the actuarial valuation report for 2008 presented by Buck Consultant, but disagreed with the recommended 51 percent actuarial rate increase.

Instead, the seven-member board voted to maintain the 37 percent actuarial level in consideration of current economic uncertainties, on the condition that trustees will revisit the issue once they feel the need to make an adjustment. At the same time, a study must be conducted first before a new actuarial rate is implemented, they said.

Dylan Porter, director and consulting actuary of Buck Consultants LLC, presented to the board yesterday the fiscal year 2008 actuarial report, highlighting several imbalances in the numbers. The report was intended to provide a basis for determining and certifying the government contribution to the Fund.

The report noted the significant decrease in the Fund's assets as a result of worldwide market losses and other factors in 2007 and 2008. The report noted the negative return on the Fund's assets, from \$510.1 million in fiscal year 2007 to just \$403.2 million in 2008.

The report states that return on total invested assets in 2008 was a negative 12.6 percent. Porter said the average annual returns for five years is usually at 7 percent, while it is at 5.6 percent for the 10-year period.

At the same time, the Fund recorded a loss of \$176.5 million in its unfunded accrued liability in 2008, which totaled \$529.8 million as of Oct. 1, 2008. In fiscal year 2007, the accrued unfunded liability was at \$369 million.

Comparing the CNMI pension program with other public pension programs in the U.S., Porter said most U.S. pension programs are funded between 75 percent and 95 percent. In the case of the CNMI, Porter

did not specify the percentage at which the Fund is currently funded but said the Fund's 75 percent target is not achievable based on current trends. He cited losses as a result of the investment downturn, low employer contribution, and unusual number of refunds and members who retire. The number of Fund members also showed a significant decline, from 7,366 in 2007 to 6,768 members in 2008.

Porter recommended that if the

Fund does not expect to collect the target contributions, it should reduce its benefits to get on track.

Board chair Sixto Igisomar said the 2008 numbers were to be expected due to several things that happened that year, such as reduced payroll due to the closing of the defined benefit plan.

"Before, the payroll was constant. But because the [DBP] plan was closed, the number of members dropped," he told *Saipan Tribune*.

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Gov. Benigno R. Fitial encouraged investors to do business in the CNMI and Guam as the Marianas experiences an unprecedented \$20 billion military buildup and the relocation of over 19,000 military personnel and their families.

Fitial delivered his welcoming remarks on Tuesday in San Diego, California where a conference on the \$20 billion military buildup in the Marianas is being held. The conference runs until Wednesday.

"While the CNMI and Guahan serve as a strategic military asset to the U.S., it also serves as a dynamic place to do business," Fitial said in his remarks.

He said the Mariana Islands are literally America's doorstep to Asia. The islands' proximity to expansive Asian markets also provides the catalyst for a domestic company to transform into an international firm.

"With the protection of U.S. law, access to favorable tax con-

ditions, a steady and comfortable climate, a business friendly government, and a pristine natural environment, the Mariana Islands are an ideal place to realize sustainable business growth in a time of global recession," Fitial said.

The governor said while he encourages firms to consider the islands for a place to conduct business, "we value those firms that place an emphasis on quality, innovation, and integrity."

Guam Gov. Felix P. Camacho and Joel A. Ayala, director of the California Governor's Office of Economic Development, also delivered their welcoming remarks at the "America's Future in Asia: \$20-billion U.S.-Marianas buildup conference" organized by the Hita I Marianas (We are the Marianas), a group of business people and young professionals from the region.

The conference brings together government, business and industry leaders to provide a comprehensive overview of the \$20 billion military and civilian development program planned

for the Marianas region, home to the U.S. territories of the CNMI and Guam.

Fitial said he was relieved to see that Camacho, the governor of Guam, spoke before him at the conference.

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"My remarks were going to be, 'Whatever he just said... I am now saying.' While this thought may bring about some laughter, it emphasizes the harmonious and binding relationship that exists between the island of Guahan and the Commonwealth of the North-

ern Mariana Islands," he said.

Fitial said "what is good for the island of Guahan is good for the CNMI. What is harmful to one is also harmful to the other."

"These may be simple statements; however it sums up many of the dynamics that our islands must contend with as part of the unprecedented military relocation into the Marianas," he said.

Uncertainty, anxiety

Fitial said while there is much anticipation and excitement about the opportunities that exist as part of the Marianas military relocation, there is also

uncertainty and anxiety.

"While myself and governor Camacho must contend with the polar dynamics of balancing economic growth with preserving the culture, environment, and values that our islands have come to treasure, we do so in the spirit of partnership. We must be able to balance the needs of our nation with the needs of our islands. We must work with our federal colleagues while being the voice of local leadership," he said.

The tremendous undertaking of relocating the U.S. military is mind numbing at best, but to do so across a vast ocean, in

an expedited time frame makes this undertaking seem almost impossible, he said.

The Marianas military relocation, he added, is on a global stage.

"We are no longer just islands in the Pacific. We are America's defense footprint in Asia," he added.

More information about the conference is available at www.marianasbuildup.com.

Prior to the May 24 to 26 San Diego conference, Fitial testified at the May 18 congressional oversight hearing in Washington, D.C. on the implementation of the federalization law in the CNMI. Fitial is expected to return to the CNMI later this week.

Old runway turned into illegal dumping ground

Resident's initiative prompts mayor's quick action to clear area

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REPORTER

A portion of the old runway in Koblerville has been turned into



Jack Muña shows Saipan Tribune a portion of the old runway in Koblerville after it was cleared by the Mayor's Office a week ago.

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an illegal dumping ground, posing fire and health hazards to residents and motorists in the area.

The sorry site of Saipan's first runway, which is located along As Gonno Road corner Ahu Drive, prompted Koblerville resident Jack Muna to bring the matter to the mayor's attention.

Muña showed the area to *Saipan Tribune* yesterday after the Mayor's Office cleared it a week ago.

"Before, there's really big tall grasses here and some people burned trash and dumped garbage here. They threw trash and dead animals over here," Muña said.

He said he wants to recognize the Mayor's Office because, despite several clearing and beautification jobs around the island, its maintenance staff finally got around to the Koblerville area.

Muña said the clearing lasted a day and a half as sometimes the equipment would break down.

"I really want to commend the Mayor's Office for doing a great job in beautification," he said. "We want to make the community aware that we care about our island and we want to make it a better place."

Muña remembers the runway when it was still clean and a lot of children would ride their bikes in the area. The grass, however, became very tall as no one was cleaning the place.

Muña noted that somebody would burn the dried grass every year, posing fire and health hazards. Some people would also dump their dead dogs and other animals.

Muña encouraged people to call the Mayor's Office if they see places being used as illegal dumping grounds.

"Try to convince them [Mayor's Office] that this is the place that we need to clear because people are taking advantage of dumping their trash," he added.

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Lighting retrofit of Joeten-Kiyu library begins

The lighting retrofit project at the Joeten-Kiyu public library began yesterday and the library expects to save some 30 to 40 percent of its power usage once the project is completed, according to the CNMI ARRA Office, in association with the CNMI Division of Energy.

This project is funded by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act State Energy Program. Originally slated to begin September of 2009 the project was delayed by the Buy America Provision of the American Recovery and Reinvestment

Act. After months of hard work by both the CNMI ARRA Office and the project managers, a categorical waiver was finally issued by the Department of Energy in February of this year for the following items:

Fluorescent electronic lighting ballasts
LED traffic lights and signals
CFL's (with a few exceptions

described in the waiver)

With this final obstacle removed, the winning firm Spectrum Electric will now begin the execution of the project.

The plans for the Joeten-Kiyu library include the retrofitting of existing T-12 Lighting and Magnetic ballasts with Energy Star Rated T-8 Fluorescent Lighting and matching electronic bal-

lasts. The change will help the library to realize a 30- to 40-percent reduction in its current power bill.

"This lighting retrofit project has been a long time coming in our efforts to modernize the facility. We have patiently waited and are real excited that it has finally begun," said Joeten-Kiyu Public Library executive

director John DLR. Gonzales. "The installation of the energy efficient lights could not have been more timely in view of our anticipated ambitious library programs, computer classes, and cultural activities lined up for the summer and beyond. Equally important this is a first major step in ensuring your state public library is up to par with green energy efficiency standards, not to mention the much needed cost savings we will realize." (PR)

Detonation operation is on Friday

The Department of Public Safety issued a clarification yesterday that the upcoming detonation operation in Marpi will be this Friday, May 28, from 11am to 2pm.

The Marpi area will be closed off on that day to allow bomb experts to detonate live ordnance at the Laderan Lagoon cliff line, about a mile north of the Marpi landfill.

The public, especially tour and dive operators, farmers,

joggers and bikers, are warned to stay away from the area while the operation is ongoing.

The only area that will not be closed off will be Suicide Cliff, which will be the main viewing point for the detonation. Public access to Suicide Cliff will be allowed only through the road leading up to the Far East Broadcasting antenna. DPS will set security posts to enforce and control traffic movement. (PR)



**Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands
COMMONWEALTH BOARD OF NURSE EXAMINERS**

PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, Section 11, the Commonwealth Board of Nurse Examiners Board of Directors, is hereby giving notice that the Board will be meeting on Friday, May 28, 2010. The meeting will be held at the Secretary's Conference Room 2, Commonwealth Health Center, Saipan, from 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm.

AGENDA

- I. Preliminary Matters –**
 1. Roll Call
- II. Call to Order**
- III. Adoption of Minutes –**
 1. May 10-11, 2010
- IV. Adoption of Agenda –**
- V. Unfinished Business –**
 1. University of Loyola at CNMI
- VI. Miscellaneous**
- VII. Adjournment**

/s/ Aurelia G. Long, NP
Chairperson



Message of Appreciation

We would like to recognize and extend our most sincere appreciation to the individuals, program services, community organizations and community leaders who one way or another helped us achieve a successful 1st Annual Sexual Assault Awareness Month. From our hearts to yours, we thank you for your support and dedication to create a safer CNMI. We will continue to come together on behalf of victims and survivors to promote healing and justice, and to create a tomorrow free of sexual violence.

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Kilili to host town hall meetings next week

CNMI residents on Rota and Tinian will have soon another opportunity to meet with their congressman, Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan, in two "town hall" style gatherings scheduled for next week.

At the town hall meetings, Sablan will be taking questions about issues important to NMI residents, and asking for input on legislation currently before Congress. These will be the second time Sablan will be hosting Town Hall meetings on Tinian and Rota; the first such gatherings were held last year in August.

"The discussion from last year's town hall meetings [on] Tinian and Rota were extremely productive," said Sablan. "The feedback I received from the meetings in Tinian and Rota helped provide a deeper insight into what the residents of those islands were concerned about and what kind of changes they would like to see happen."

The first town hall meeting will be held from 6pm to 8pm at the Tinian Elementary School cafeteria on Tuesday, June 1, 2010. The Town Hall meeting on Rota will be held

from 6pm to 8pm on June 3, 2010, at the Sinapalo Elementary School Cafeteria.

"I already hear by phone and e-mail from many people in the Marianas about their concerns and opinions regarding national policy and the events they hear or read about in the media," Sablan said. "But these town halls will give me a chance to see people face to face, and, I hope, hear from even more of the people I am representing in Congress."

"I want to talk with everyone directly about their concerns and what I can do to represent

them well in Washington," Sablan added.

Some of the issues expected to be discussed are the recently-enacted health care reform law, expanding educational opportunities for the people of the CNMI, the federalized immigration system, energy alternatives for the islands, environmental protection, and the services Sablan's office can provide directly to constituents.

"I invite everyone to attend and participate in what I hope will be a very open and productive dialogue," said Sablan. (PR)

BIRTHDAY SHOUTOUT

Happy birthday greetings to Casey Drew Huliganga, who is celebrating his 10th birthday today! Enjoy your day and God bless you always! Greetings come from your loving Mom, Dad, and Kuya CJ.

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Happy birthday Chloe! Wishing you a very happy birthday and we hope you enjoy your special day. Greetings come from Francine and Justin. From left, Justin, Chloe, Aneka, Francine.

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HISTORIC PRESERVATION WEEK

Acting Gov. Eloy Inos, Department of Community and Cultural Affairs Secretary Melvin Faisao, and Historical Preservation Office director Pedro "Roy" Sablan are surrounded by other DCCA Division directors, HPO staff, and Indigenous Affairs director Ignacio Demapan, standing right, following yesterday's proclamation signing declaring Historic Preservation Week in the CNMI.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Kilili on Marianas Agupa

U.S. Rep. Gregorio C. Sablan (D-MP) will be on Marianas Agupa this Saturday, May 29, 2010, to discuss his office's accomplishments and his re-election bid to the U.S. Congress. The show is from 10am to 11am on Magic 100.3 FM.

The Chamorro talk show program is hosted by Glenn H. Manglona with special guest host, former mayor Joseph S. Inos. The talk show airs every Saturday from 9am to 11am. Additionally, the show features a special report from Rota with correspondent and commentator Thomas D. Mendiola and a report from Tinian by correspondent and radio commentator, former senator David M. Cing. Simultaneous Internet streaming via www.magic100radio.com will be available. For more information, e-mail marianasagupa@gmail.com. (PR)

MHS sets Parent Literacy Night tonight

Marianas High School is having its last and final Parent Literacy Night tonight, May 26, 2010, at the cafeteria from 6pm to 7pm, hosted by the Math Department. There will be lots of activities and snacks will be provided. (PR)

Dandan Elementary School Cultural Day

Dandan Elementary School will be hosting a Cultural Day fundraising event on Saturday, June 12, 2010, from 8:30am to 3pm at the school's multi-purpose stage. The theme of the event is "Cultural Day Celebrates the Island Way!" There will be lots of food, prizes, games and entertainment! For more information, call 237-3662. (PR)

Final MMAC team captains' meeting today

The 2010 Marianas March Against Cancer committee is inviting all 2010 MMAC team captains or their representative for a final meeting to be held today, May 26, at 5:30pm at the Hyatt Regency's Chamolinian Room. Important information will be discussed. For more information contact Reina Camacho at 285-7677 or via email at reinacamacho@gmail.com. (PR)

John Gonzales LIVE schedule

John Gonzales LIVE airs Wednesday and replayed Sunday and Monday on KSPN Ch. 2.

■ May 26, live 7pm-8 pm; replay 7pm-8 pm - May 30 & May 31

Topic: PSS Continuing Public Education Series

Guests:

1. Joaquina DLG. Salas, principal, San Vicente Elementary School
2. Martha Kintol, principal, Dandan Elementary School

■ May 26, live 8-9pm; replay 8-30-930 pm - May 30 & May 31

Topic: The Dangers and Effects of Secondhand Smoke and Tobacco

Guests:

1. Dr. Richard Brostrom, Medical director, CNMI Division of Public Health & Tobacco Cessation Program
2. George Cruz, chairman, Commonwealth Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition
3. Patricia P. Coleman, coordinator, Expanded Food Nutrition Education Program

■ May 27, live 8-9pm; replay Monday, May 31, 7pm-8pm and 8:30pm-9:30pm

Topic: Indigenous alternative recommendations to the U.S. DOI report to Congress on improved status for foreign workers per US PL 110-229

Guests:

1. Oscar C. Rasa, Spokesperson, NMD for Self-Govt and Indigenous Rights, former Speaker and Covenant negotiator;
2. Juan I. Tenorio, former congressman
3. Carol T. Peter-Hosono, mother and new generation indigenous leader
4. Kodep Uludong, new generation and indigenous youth leader
5. Juan S. Reyes (Liling), former congressman
6. Ike DLG. Demapan, executive assistant for Indigenous Affairs and former congressman.

Call 287-4230, Text 285.META (6382), or Email johngonzales@pticom.com for your question or comment. (PR)

Flashback

A LOOK BACK AT PAST YEARS' HEADLINES

May 26, 1999

Rota mayor opposes use of CPA land for power plant

Rota Mayor Benjamin M. Manglona has urged the Commonwealth Ports Authority to maintain ownership of its property which the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. has proposed to use for its planned Rota Power Plant. According to Manglona, the piece of land located in West Harbor is better left with CPA as it recommended CUC to look for another site. Based on CPA's master plan, a commercial dock will be established within the harbor along the shoreline adjacent to the existing CUC Power Plant. The 1995 Rota Physical and Economic Master Plan specified that the CUC Power Plant and the Public Works Facilities be transferred from the port area to a more central location in the future.

Hosting of illegal aliens bolsters CNMI's stance

Gov. Pedro P. Tenorio yesterday said the hosting of illegal Chinese immigrants on Tinian reinforces the Commonwealth's position to oppose the imposition of the US immigration laws on Northern Marianas. Tenorio made the comments after Chairman Frank Murkowski (R-Alaska), head of the US Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources which has oversight over American insular areas, questioned Washington's asylum program. According to Murkowski, the White House's decision to divert close to 500 Chinese illegals to the island municipality reflects a contradiction on its plan to apply the Immigration Nationality Act in the Northern Marianas.

May 26, 2000

HANMI, Chamber pushes for MVA transfer to private sector

While the Marianas Visitors Authority board has opposed a proposed measure that will shift the management of the tourism organization to the private sector, the Hotel Association of Northern Mariana Islands and the Saipan Chamber of Commerce yesterday welcomed such move saying it will make the agency more effective. Removing the present control of MVA from political appointees will bring the tourism office closer to being by business experts rather than "politicians." "We believe that with less political interference, this crucial organization that promotes our tourism industry will have the opportunity to become more effective," said Ron Sablan, president of HANMI.

US House committee decides on \$11-M funding for CNMI

The U.S. House Appropriations Committee was scheduled to vote Thursday morning in Washington D.C. (late last night in local time) on the Department of the Interior's budget for FY 2001 which included allocation to the CNMI amounting to \$11 million. Commonwealth officials expressed hope to keep the federal assistance for the next fiscal year that represents construction grants provided under the Section 702 of the Covenant/ Capital Improvement Projects agreement. The House Appropriations scheduled the full committee mark-up at 9:30 a.m. Thursday (D.C. time), which was 12:30 a.m. Friday on Saipan.

May 26, 2003

ACT to governor: Act now on teacher rep

The Association of Commonwealth Teachers has demanded that Gov. Juan N. Babauta immediately appoint its teacher nominee to the Board of Education or explain why it cannot be done so. In a letter addressed to Babauta dated May 16, 2003, ACT president Sapuro Rayphand said the governor has not acted on ACT's recommendation to appoint Barbara Merfalen to replace former teacher representative Frank Keiper, who resigned his post middle of last year. "ACT eagerly awaits your action within the next few weeks. I suggest you submit Ms. Merfalen's name to the BOE now, or explain why you have done absolutely nothing in response to ACT's numerous inquiries," Rayphand told Babauta.

Atalig violates release conditions

Sen. Ricardo S. Atalig reportedly violated his bail conditions before and after his jury trial on criminal wire fraud and conspiracy charges ended with his conviction, the U.S. Probation Office reported. In a report submitted to the U.S. District Court last week, U.S. Probation Officer Margarita DLG. Wonenberg said Atalig failed to show up for the required drug testing on several occasions, particularly on January 13, March 25 and April 22, and 29 this year. On May 7, though, Wonenberg said Atalig tested negative for any drug or alcohol use, when he subjected himself to urinalysis and breathalyzer during a non-compliance meeting with the senator. Atalig also tested negative for drug use 24 times.

Meetings set on draft recovery plan for Mariana fruit bat

Public meeting to be held on Saipan, Rota and Guam

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service will conduct three informational meetings to discuss the draft revised recovery plan for the threatened Mariana fruit bat, known as *fanihi* in the Chamorro language.

The informal meeting will be open to the public and are designed to share information and facilitate the submission of public comments. Meetings will be held on the islands of Saipan, Rota, and Guam.

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<http://www.fws.gov/pacificislands>

The draft revised recovery plan outlines steps needed to recover the *fanihi*—a subspecies of fruit bat found only in the Mariana archipelago.

A 90-day public comment period was announced in the Federal Register on March 30, 2010. The meetings coincide with the public comment period, which closes on June 28, 2010.

The first meeting will be held on Saipan on June 1 at the Multi-Purpose Center in Susupe, the second meeting will be on Rota on June 2 at the Roundhouse in Songsong village, and the third meeting will be in Guam on June 4 at the University of Guam's College of Agriculture, Life Science building, Room 127 in Mangilao. All three meetings will be from 6pm to 8pm.

The plan includes actions that will address the immediate man-

agement of the species to reduce threats and stabilize the existing population (e.g. eliminate hunting; protect and restore habitat; control and interdiction of the brown tree snake; and research to address gaps in knowledge of the *fanihi* life history and ecology and improve scientists' ability to model the population, assess its sensitivity to specific threats and management actions, and forecast how best to ensure its continued existence).

Examples of proposed actions include involving local hunters and residents in research and recovery efforts, preventing the spread of the brown tree snake from Guam to Saipan, providing law enforcement support to local conservation officers, establishing roost site sanctuaries on other islands, improving inspection at ports of entry to prevent illegal trafficking in *fanihi*, controlling or eradicating ungulates in key locations, and conducting education in elementary and secondary school.

Habitats loss and degradation along with illegal hunting are the major threats to the *fanihi*. The southern islands of the archipelago have lost significant habitat due to lands conversion for agriculture, military, commercial, and residential development. Predation by intro-



duced predators such as brown tree snakes, rats, and feral cats pose additional threats. *Fanihi* have evolved over thousands of years to adapt to impacts from natural disturbances such as typhoons and volcanic eruptions; however, human-caused threats increase the negative impacts of these natural disturbances on the *fanihi* population.

The *fanihi* is a medium-sized fruit bat in the family *Pteropodidae*; members of this family are often referred to as flying foxes because of the canine appearance of the face. The bats range in weight from 0.66-1.15 pounds (males are slightly larger than females) and have an impressive wingspan ranging from 2.75 to 3.5 feet. All animals have grizzled black to brown fur and a golden brown mantle. The head color varies from brown to dark color.

Fanihi live in colonies ranging from a few to more than 800 individuals and group themselves into harems (1 male with 2-15 females) or bachelor groups consisting primarily of males. The bats sleep and socialize during much of the day, and depart colonies near or after sunset to forage. Important components of tropical forest systems, fruit bats disperse seeds, which helps maintain forest diversity and contributes to plant regeneration. The fruit bat feeds on a wide variety of plant material including fruits, nectar, pollen and leaves.

Copies of the draft recovery plan are available through the Fish and Wildlife Service's Web site at <http://www.fws.gov/pacificislands> or by calling the Fish and Wildlife Service's Honolulu office at 808-792-9400.

The Mariana fruit bat, known as *fanihi* in the Chamorro language.
U.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE

Chamber to host USDA-SBA workshop

The Saipan Chamber of Commerce will host a workshop conducted by representatives of the U.S. Small Business Administration and U.S. Department of Agriculture on Thursday, June 3, at Pacific Islands Club Saipan.

The full-day workshop will cover, in the morning, "SBA Joint Venture/Mentor/Protégé Procurement Programs," and in the afternoon, "Financing Opportunities For Your Business Needs Today For the Challenges of Tomorrow."

Speakers will include Kenneth Lujan and Jack Corbett of the SBA and Joseph Diego of

USDA Rural Development.

The workshop will be held in the Napu Room at PIC. Registration will begin at 8:30am and the morning session will begin at 9am. After a break for lunch, the afternoon session will begin at 1:30pm. The meeting is \$25 for Chamber of Commerce members and \$35 for non-members, which includes lunch at PIC's Magellan dining room.

Seating is limited and reservations are required. Contact the Saipan Chamber of Commerce at 233-7150 or coordinator@saipanchamber.com to make reservations. (SCC)

IT&E launches ARRA News page

In accordance with the reporting requirements of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, IT&E announced yesterday that it has established an "ARRA News" page on its Web site.

This page will contain important notices such as announcements of the availability of Requests for Proposals, Request for Quotations, Invitations to Bid, announcements of awards of contracts, and other documents relating to procurements under IT&E's Round 1 of the National Telecommunications and Information Administration's Broad-

band Technology Opportunities Program grant award.

The ARRA News web page may be accessed from the link named "ARRA News" at the bottom of the main page, or directly at <http://www.ite.net/global/arra.cfm> or at <http://www.pticom.com/global/arra.cfm>.

Members of the public may visit this Web page often to keep abreast of the progress of IT&E in performing the NTIA grant award and to keep informed of business opportunities created in Guam and the CNMI by ARRA. (PR)

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EDITORIAL

Evidence overwhelming of N. Korea torpedo attack

A multinational investigation has determined that the sinking on March 26 of a South Korean naval warship in the Yellow Sea was caused by a North Korean torpedo.

On Thursday, South Korea's Joint Civilian-Military Investigation Group released the results of its investigation into the incident, concluding that an underwater blast caused by a North Korean homing torpedo tore the Cheonan patrol vessel in two in waters west of the Korean Peninsula. The investigative team's conclusion, supported by these pieces of material evidence, is convincing.

In a swift reaction to the release of the report, Pyongyang called the results "a fabrication," warning that any retaliation would prompt it to "respond with various forceful actions, including all-out war." If circumstances take a turn for the worse, North Korea might resort to further flagrant provocations. Japan, the United States and South Korea must work together closely to prevent the reclusive state from behaving recklessly. China and Russia should also act in concert with the three nations.

North Korea continues to deny its involvement in the sinking. It should be remembered, however, that Pyongyang has lied about various criminal actions it has been accused of in the past. These include a spate of kidnappings targeting Japanese and a terrorist bomb explosion that occurred in Yangoon 27 years ago, killing a number of people, including four South Korean cabinet ministers. Given this, North Korea's denial of its involvement in the sinking of the warship cannot be taken at face value.

South Korea is fundamentally reviewing its defense policy in response to the sinking and is expected to further bolster its alliance with the United States. This apparently shows that the South Korean government learned a bitter lesson when it dropped its guard against North Korea as a result of the sunshine policy of engagement with Pyongyang adopted by the preceding left-leaning administration.

In separate telephone conversations with South Korean President Lee Myung Bak, Prime Minister Yukio Hatoyama and U.S. President Barack Obama pledged to support South Korea in addressing the issue at the U.N. Security Council. Japan and the United States should strive to ensure the council adopts a document that raises harsh questions about North Korea's responsibility for the sinking of the Cheonan.

Attention will be focused on whether China will choose to condemn North Korea in response to the release of the latest report. We hope the Chinese government will take a firm stance against North Korea.

Participants in the six-party talks aimed at having North Korea dismantle its nuclear weapons will probably have to postpone a resumption of their negotiations for some time to come. However, doing so will help Pyongyang gain time to further advance its nuclear weapons development program, as it has been unwilling to return to the negotiating table.

North Korea's nuclear weapons program—a direct threat to our national security—must not be left unchecked. With this in mind, Japan needs to look for ways to open a new round of six-nation talks at an early date.

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Skirting solutions to real issues

Over the years, proposals to reduce the size of the bicameral Legislature have faded quietly into the ash heap of history. It demonstrates the obvious lack of will to grab the beast by the horn and put it to rest, permanently. But we buckled when put through the test to resolve the issue decisively.

Incidentally, the bicameral system is inherent under the Covenant Agreement. If we really are true to our commitment to reduce the cost of government, then it is most fitting that we ask our delegate in DC to introduce legislation repealing this provision of the agreement.

Indeed, there's the sentiment to protect the minority from the tyranny of the majority. But as it is, it's the tyranny of the minority that is willfully being inflicted against the majority. The test is in the collective ability of the NMI to bring this issue to rest with finality. Enough said, let's get it done, today!

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There are issues that are placed under the NMI Constitution that are non-constitutional issues to begin with. I'm alluding to salaries for judges and others. It seems their placement was born out of fear of the constant shift in policies emanating from the Legislature. Placing them under statutes should suffice so we can move forward. But we had to have it in the Constitution if only to confirm political immaturity.

Perhaps this fallacy is part and whole of the democratic process that could only move forward when addressed with some sense of maturity, purpose, responsibility and confidence in our ability to institute stable policies. I am confident though that we would outgrow this juvenile attitude someday soon. Since when are wages and salaries constitutional matters anyway?

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For all that may have gone wrong in paradise, I'd review the conservative foundation upon which our country was founded more than 200 years ago. It begins with "We the people...." Take a few minutes of your time and review the First Principles that had served as the guiding light in strengthening a greater union, the US of A.

An understanding of the First Principles should enable us to "influence public policy and government reforms that reflect constitutional limits." *It brings a re-awakening of the role of policy-makers who can't bluff their way through half-cocked policies. In short, all policy consideration must defer to the will of the governed.*

Engage in the proactive "reorientation of local politics toward the First Principles of the American Founding." *This must be taught our high school students so they know these principles by heart.*

"Reshape public policy to reflect our constitutional framework of limited government." *All continuing students of government and anyone involved in policy-making must revisit this principle, annually.*

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Special to the Saipan Tribune

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"Unify and revive a robust conservatism around, and in defense of, these core principles." *Unless we work with a sense of conservatism, every other undertaking would be analogous to a rudderless outboard motor in open waters.*

"Provide posterity with a strong foundation for learning, promoting and strengthening our democratic institutions." *Students are wary how corruption has adversely affected the local government in recent past. Young voters comprise more than 60 percent of voters and they would make a difference shifting the usual in unusual times.*

The rebuke of liberals—democrats and republicans—in this year's midterm election across the country reflects the sentiment of the governed in a powerful statement of its own to bring Washington back to its senses.

Indeed, the strengthening of our democratic institutions is a lengthy and arduous process. Frustrating such a process may be, don't give up hope. It's time that we sink our teeth deeper to ensure that the powers that be are wary of the people they represent in our governmental institutions.

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Tribute to a friend

It is really very sad to learn of the untimely passing of Tomas I. Saures, a classmate and friend I've known all my life. We went to grammar and high school together. He was a humble person with superb athletic abilities before he was afflicted with diabetes. He also has a great sense of humor for all that he was then and in his twilight years.

In high school, we got together most lunch break. We shared what we had or if there's nothing too much from home, we'd talk until the after bell rings. We stole and ate string beans and top it off with cold fountain water installed near every rest room at Hopwood.

It was a rather long journey in abject poverty, picking up menial jobs here, there, and everywhere in hopes of making it to class the next day with some food in our tummy. We worked at the Saipan Stevedoring Company on weekends, bone-tired by Sunday evening. We did everything there's to do just to survive the dreadful days when the DOI first took over the naval administration here.

We had good and bad times and had to endure faucet water be-

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Solving for happiness 2: Applying the key

The only way to take control of your life, raise your standard of living and move beyond merely surviving is to create your own unique product or service that you offer to increasing numbers of people in exchange for the things of value that you desire. This simple formula applies to countries as well as people. A self-sufficient economy has its own products or services of value to export to the world. Similarly, a self-sufficient individual has something of value to exchange in the global marketplace. That thing of value is based on your natural talent, skill, or interest—in other words, your passion!

In Solving for Happiness, Part 1, it was suggested that if you are unhappy, it is because some aspect of your belief system is flawed, and that you need a new belief system—or set of thoughts—in order to remedy your unhappiness. We then developed a “proof” for happiness and arrived at three initial conclusions:

1. Happiness is caused by your thoughts.
2. Your thoughts about Your Self, Others, The World and Life’s Situations must change in order for you to be happy.
3. Your happiness in relation to your self will be a function of your thoughts (i.e. your belief system) about your body, mind and soul, and about who you are, what you do, and what you have.

This led to our ultimate key for happiness that concluded that if you are unhappy, then:

“Something you believe to be true, and thus your expectation about (fill in the blank) is not in alignment with reality and/or truth. Change the belief and the expectation, and create your happiness. For Happiness is merely a thought.”

In this section, we will apply this key to a few real-life situations.

Of course, the challenges here are several. First, many of us are so immersed in our realities, truths and paradigms that we cannot step outside of them far enough to observe them objectively and question them.

Second, even if we are able to identify a “truth” as flawed, we don’t have any other information coming from the outside with which to compare and contrast it with. The process of finding new belief systems to replace the old ones is a lifelong process of discovery. Yes, if it were easy, many more of us would claim to be happy.

So, what is it that is making you unhappy? When asked that question, many people might point to their relationships, weight, family situation, career, and any number of factors. Let’s take a look at a few of these. For each one, I’m going to suggest a few new belief systems that might help.

Relationships

“I can’t find the right relationship!”

This is perhaps one of the most common areas of unhappiness. Most of us want to connect with others for companionship, love, romance, and sex. However, it is our beliefs that are keeping us from attracting the people with whom we’d like to connect, or who would make the best connection.

Applying the key: *Something you believe to be true, and thus your expectations about [relationships, men, women, love, yourself, etc.] is not in alignment with reality and truth.*

What might those flawed beliefs be?

Perhaps you believe relationships deprive you of freedom. Perhaps you believe love is about control and ownership or dependency. Maybe you are suspicious about men/women. Maybe your feelings about yourself are such that others sense the neediness and are turned off. Maybe you’re simply looking in the wrong places and for the wrong things in choosing your partners. Any number of these beliefs and expectations could sabotage your search for true love.

For many years, I used to go to nightclubs to meet women, and for many years I never did. In all the years my friends and I club-hopped—where the majority of patrons smoke and drink—I never, ever, ever met and dated anyone. (Did I mention “never?”) It turns out that all the women I’ve dated I met in health-food stores, business seminars, or through friends. I simply had to understand myself more (see Part I), and change my expectations about the club scene in order to remedy my unhappiness.

Body

“I do all the right things, but I still get sick!”

Perhaps your unhappiness has a physiological cause or is centered around your thoughts about your body. Maybe you think you’re too

fat, to slim, or maybe you want to feel healthier. Maybe there is even a chemical imbalance that is cause your depression. Applying the key: *Something you believe to be true, and thus your expectations about [your body, your health, sickness, cure] are not in alignment with reality and truth.* What might those flawed, out-of-alignment, untrue beliefs be?

Well, you might believe, for instance, that your body was designed to digest and thrive on canned, processed, pesticide-sprayed, nutritionally devoid, preservative-laden, heat-pasteurized, artificially-flavored, FDC-colored, irradiated food, or that your body is not affected by cigarette smoke, car exhaust, industrial fumes, or air conditioning, or that your skin is not affected by the chemicals in your soap, carcinogens in your shampoo, dyes in your make-up, formaldehyde in plastics, etc. I suggest to you that this belief is not in alignment with reality and truth. As a result, your body is aging prematurely, not functioning optimally, and/or you can’t get it to do the things you’d like it to.

REMEDY: You would be surprised how much lighter and more alive, and by extension, how much happier you might feel after a weeklong juice or water fast in which you purge your body of all the toxins that have accumulated over the years; or how a detoxifying sauna regimen and avoidance of chemical soaps and lotions on your skin might actually ease your feelings of unhappiness; or, how simply eating more raw, fresh fruits and vegetables and less processed foods naturally boosts your energy, trims the fat and purges your system. In other words, all the “right” things you are doing are not really right at all.

People

“Why do people do the things they do?”

Applying the key: *Something you believe to be true, and thus your expectations about [other people, strangers, neighbors, family, friends, co-workers] is not in alignment with reality and truth.* You believe, for instance, that people should act a certain way, and when they don’t it makes you unhappy. Perhaps you believe that people feel the same obligation you do to others. Perhaps you believe people are motivated by the same things you are, and thus should share the same set of behaviors.

Solution: Change your beliefs about people, and you will be happy. You have no control over what people will think, say or do. The only thing you can control is how you respond to the things people think, say or do. Walt’s Law of Obligation says: “There ain’t none!” In other words, despite what you may believe, people (that includes, friends, lovers, spouses, children, family and strangers) are *not* obligated to do anything simply because you expect them to.

We could go on and on. The bottom line is this: Anywhere there is unhappiness, there is an unmet expectation that can be modified that puts you in alignment with truth and reality, and thus happiness.

My story

Several years ago I, too, found myself very unhappy, and decided to do something about it. With mathematical specificity, I modified each variable in the equation of my happiness. I knew what I didn’t like, and made a decision and took actions to change my reality to fit my personal definition of happiness. According to that definition:

- Working a nine-to-five job robbed me of my freedom, and made me unhappy, so I quit and started my own business. (what I do)
- Intrusions on my time and having to be someplace was making me feel trapped and unhappy, so I structured a business that doesn’t require my presence. (mind)
- Cold weather makes me unhappy. So, I moved to the tropics. (body)
- The impersonal nature and hostility of big cities makes me unhappy, so I moved to a small island. (people)
- Eating meat and processed food was making me unhealthy and unhappy, so I became a vegan. (body)
- Not knowing why I was here was making me unhappy, so I found my purpose and felt more at peace. (soul)
- The belief system in which I was raised wasn’t working for me, so I sought out and created a belief system that was in alignment with my intuitive perceptions, and which worked to explain things that were previously inexplicable. (who I am)

So, little by little, piece by piece, I created a life that, for the most part, makes me happy. Of course, there’s always more on my list (I’m still working on that harem!), but my current state of happiness

“have not” had theirs in banana leaves. We consider tin foil a bit more sophisticated, you know, like you are either making it or faking it. We each end up devouring what we had from home. Now, if you buy your lunch at the Sunset Bar across Hopwood, you are either hardworking and had something to spend or a sponsored student living on Capital or Navy Hill.

My friend also attended the Community College of Micronesia in Pohnpei. I needled him why pass UOG in favor of CCM. Said he, “JR, UOG doesn’t have a course in Advance General Science.”

THE SAIPANPRENEUR PROJECT

Creating economic success for the CNMI

By WALT F.J. GOODRIDGE

Special to the *Saipan Tribune*



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is worlds apart from where it was a few years ago.

Quote of the Day:

“You cannot be happy in a world you don’t understand.”—Walt Goodridge

The goal, therefore, is to find or create a belief system that explains who you are, defines the world and your role in it, helps you to understand the other beings who share the world with you, and that accurately identifies the causes and predicts the effects of your and other people’s actions.

My belief is that if you can find such a belief system, then yes, happiness is possible. However, the quest requires certain adjustments in thinking, a certain amount of discipline and a certain amount of courage to break free from existing comfort zones to find that place where happiness awaits.

[Note: Want more? Read the book *Living True To Your Self*]

Extra-Credit Exercise: Solving for YOU

- Why am I unhappy? (Make a list)
- Apply the key and fill in the BLANK (“Something I believe to be true about...”)
 - What do I want? (i.e. what is the replacement reality that I desire in this category?)
 - What are my beliefs (my “shoulds” and musts) about (BLANK) that might be limiting me?
 - What would need to change about my existing beliefs in order for my replacement reality to manifest?
 - What small (or radical) steps can I take, starting today, to move me away from the limiting beliefs and towards the new?

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Note: Fans and followers of the books, *Chicken Feathers and Garlic Skin: Diary of a Chinese Garment Factory Girl on Saipan* (saipanfactorygirl.com) or *Jamaican on Saipan* (jamaicanon-saipan.com), or *Doing Business on Saipan* (saipanliving.com) may place orders on those sites, or...yes, *Amazon.com*!

Note: Ever wanted to direct your friends and family to a set of websites that revealed the best things about Saipan? Do what I do: send them to www.bestofsaipan.com!

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Until next week, remember, success is a journey, not a destination!

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Letters to the Editor

You’re welcome

To Malou Berueco, you are ever so welcome. The CNMI would like to extend the same appreciation to you for recognizing our efforts to make sure you are able to provide for you and yours. Thank you for recognizing how the CNMI was able to help you improve your status.

Rose Taman Ada-Hocog
Secretary, CNMI Women’s Organization

SKIRTING

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tween classes when there’s nothing to eat at lunch. Often we’d feel light headed from the lack of energy. But we’d pull through until the next day and start the usual litany all over again. Eating lunch inside the thick jungle across the highway is an experience in itself.

The “haves” had their rice and Spam wrapped in tin foil. The






We laughed at his reply, knowing it was just an answer. We worked as DJs in our younger days. He became a lifetime teacher after that stint until his retirement.

My faithful buddy has gone to his gold mine in the skies. As I revisit memory lane with a well of tears, how I wish I could spread it in the heavens above so his journey be a cool crispy mist as he navigates his way to claim that long sought and well deserved trophy upstairs. *Si Yuus Maase` pot todus mauleg na amiguhu ya i man-añghet un` kinenduse hulu gi lañget! Si JR.*

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The Weather

5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
				
Partly cloudy with a slight chance of showers. East winds 15 to 20 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 10 to 15 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
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Micronesia

Guam and Rota	Partly Cloudy	▲ 88 ▼ 80
Palau	Showers	▲ 86 ▼ 78
Yap	Partly Sunny	▲ 86 ▼ 78
Chuuk	Thunderstorms	▲ 82 ▼ 77
Pohnpei	Rain	▲ 87 ▼ 77
Kosrae	Rain	▲ 86 ▼ 80
Majuro	Showers	▲ 86 ▼ 79

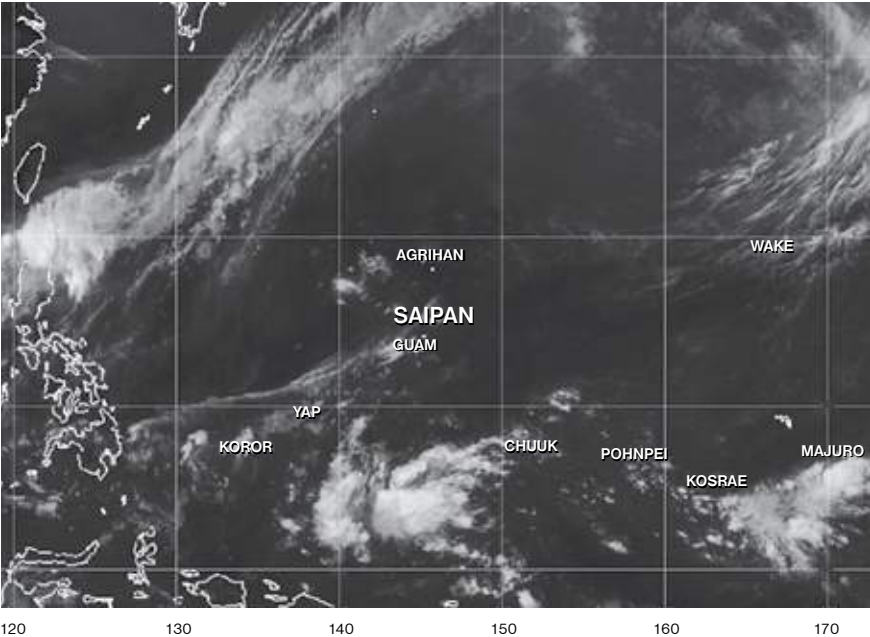
Around The Globe

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Beijing	Cloudy	▲ 84 ▼ 64
Hong Kong	Thundershowers	▲ 80 ▼ 76
Honolulu	Partly Cloudy	▲ 85 ▼ 74
London	Cloudy	▲ 56 ▼ 48
Los Angeles	Partly Cloudy	▲ 69 ▼ 55
Manila	Thundershowers	▲ 91 ▼ 85
Melbourne	Partly Cloudy	▲ 63 ▼ 52
Miami	Partly Cloudy	▲ 86 ▼ 73
New York	Partly Cloudy	▲ 83 ▼ 67
Osaka	Showers	▲ 69 ▼ 62
Paris	Thunderstorms	▲ 67 ▼ 51
Pusan	Showers	▲ 65 ▼ 55
Rome	Mostly Sunny	▲ 76 ▼ 60
Salem	Showers	▲ 60 ▼ 51
San Francisco	Rain	▲ 54 ▼ 50
Seoul	Partly Cloudy	▲ 71 ▼ 54
Tokyo	Rain	▲ 71 ▼ 63
Washington, DC	Partly Cloudy	▲ 81 ▼ 65

Tides

Saipan Harbor			
5:19 AM	Today	High Tide:	2.0 Feet
12:42 PM	Today	Low Tide:	0.3 Feet
7:40 PM	Today	High Tide:	1.8 Feet

Yesterday's Satellite Image



PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, TUESDAY, MAY 25, 2010
Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

A cold front enters the discussion area at 25N135E and continues southwestward past 21N130E. Scattered showers and a few thunderstorms are found along and within 200 miles northwest of a the front. Another front transitioning to a shearline enters the discussion area at 25N173E and continues southwestward north of Wake Island at 21N165E then westward to end at 21N152E. Scattered showers are found along and within 200 miles northwest of the boundary. Trade-wind convergence is producing scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms southeast of Yap and southwest of Chuuk between 2N and 7N from from 139E to 148E, also south of Kosrae, Kwajalein and Majuro bounded by a line from 4N163E to 7N172E to 6N175E to 4N171E to EQ169E to EQ167E back to 4N163E. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms are also found farther east between 5N and 7N from 178E to the dateline.

Sunrise/Sunset

Today	5:46 AM	6:42 PM
Thursday	5:46 AM	6:42 PM
Friday	5:46 AM	6:43 PM
Saturday	5:46 AM	6:43 PM
Sunday	5:46 AM	6:43 PM

Moonrise/Moonset

Today	5:07 PM	3:54 AM
Thursday	6:06 PM	4:43 AM
Friday	7:04 PM	5:35 AM
Saturday	7:59 PM	6:30 AM
Sunday	8:50 PM	7:25 AM

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SAIPAN-GUAM						GUAM-SAIPAN					
C09317	4:25am	5:15am	Daily			C09316	2:45am	3:35am	Daily		
C09313	8:30am	9:20am	Daily			C09596	7:00am	7:50am	Daily		
C09601	12:10pm	1:00pm	1, 4, 5, 7			C09600	10:05am	10:55am	Daily		
C09603	3:05pm	3:55pm	Daily			C09602	1:40pm	2:30pm	1, 4, 5, 7		
C09605	6:35pm	7:25pm	Daily			C09604	5:10pm	6:00pm	Daily		
C09599	9:35pm	10:25pm	Daily			C09606	8:10pm	9:00pm	Daily		
SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)						NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN					
DL287	5:55am	8:35am	Daily			DL290	10:00am	2:35pm	Daily		
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DL289	4:35pm	7:15pm	Daily			DL288	8:40pm	1:15am+1	Daily		
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SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)						SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN					
OZ604	2:20am	6:10am	1			OZ605	9:00am	2:30pm	2, 4, 6, 7		
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OZ606	3:30pm	7:00pm	2, 4, 6, 7			OZ603	8:10pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6		
SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)						SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN					
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SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)						GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN					
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C09603/893	3:05pm	9:10pm	3, 5 via GUM-Palau			C0892/9596	10:10pm	7:50am+1	3,5 via GUM-Palau		
C09603/933	3:05pm	8:40pm	Daily via GUM			C0934/9596	10:55pm	7:50am+1	Daily via GUM		
SAIPAN-HONG KONG						HONG KONG-SAIPAN					
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						C0910/9596	10:35pm	7:50am+1	1, 5 via GUM		
Editor's Note: Days: Monday (1), Tuesday (2), Wednesday (3), Thursday (4), Friday (5), Saturday (6) and Sunday (7); CZ: China Southern; CO: Continental; FM: Shanghai Airlines; PR: Philippine Airlines; DL: Delta Airlines; OZ: Asiana ETD: Estimated Time of Departure; ETA: Estimated Time of Arrival. The Saipan Tribune is not responsible for any changes in the schedule.)											

FREEDOM AIR FLIGHT SCHEDULE

Airline	ETD	ETA	Frequency	Airline	ETD	ETA	Frequency
Guam-Rota				FRE 113	11:40am	11:50am	Daily
FRE 100	7:00am	7:30am	Daily	FRE 115	1:00pm	1:10pm	Daily
Rota-Saipan				FRE 117	2:30pm	2:40pm	Daily
FRE 100	7:50am	8:20am	Daily	FRE 119	4:00pm	4:10pm	Daily
Saipan-Rota				FRE 121	4:40pm	4:50pm	Daily
FRE 200	9:00am	9:30am	Daily	FRE 123 *	5:40pm	5:50pm	Daily
Rota-Guam				FRE 125 *	6:00pm	6:10pm	Daily
FRE 200	9:50am	10:15am	Daily	Tinian-Saipan w/ connecting flights to Rota or Guam**			
Guam-Rota				FRE 102	7:05am	7:15am	Daily
FRE 300	4:00pm	4:30pm	Daily	FRE 104	7:50am	8:00am	Daily
Rota-Saipan				FRE 106**	8:20am	8:30am	Daily
FRE 300	4:50pm	5:25pm	Daily	FRE 108**	9:00am	9:10am	Daily
Saipan-Rota				FRE 110	10:00am	10:10am	Daily
FRE 400	6:00pm	6:30pm	Daily	FRE 112	11:05am	11:15am	Daily
Rota-Guam				FRE 114	12:00pm	12:10pm	Daily
FRE 400	6:45pm	7:15pm	Daily	FRE 116	1:30pm	1:40pm	Daily
Saipan-Tinian				FRE 118	2:50pm	3:00pm	Daily
FRE 101	6:45am	6:55am	Daily	FRE 120**	4:20pm	4:30pm	Daily
FRE 103	7:30am	7:40am	Daily	FRE 122**	5:00pm	5:10pm	Daily
FRE 105	8:00am	8:10am	Daily	FRE 124	6:05pm	6:15pm	Daily
FRE 107	8:40am	8:50am	Daily	FRE 126	6:20pm	6:30pm	Daily
FRE 109*	9:10am	9:20am	Daily				
FRE 111*	10:45am	10:55am	Daily				



NMI CRIME STOPPERS

Anonymous tips can now be submitted through the following:

- Call 234-7272 (PARA) on any telephone
- *11 on any PTI cellular phone
- Log on to the internet at www.nmicrimestoppers.com

Torres graduates summa cum laude at USF

Nicole Manglona Torres recently graduated with *summa cum laude* honors from the University of San Francisco, joining over a thousand other graduates celebrating the university's 151st commencement.

A sociology major with minor in legal studies, Torres wrote her research on the colonization of indigenous Chamorros in Guam. In April 2010, her work won the USF Sociology Paper Prize competition. A few weeks later, she was selected to present her work at the 37th Annual Western Anthropology and Sociology Departments Undergraduate Research Conference at Santa Clara University.

Guided by USF's culture of service to others through social justice activism, Torres volunteered with non-profit organizations such as Glide Memorial church in the tenderloin district where she helped San Francisco's poor and needy, tutored Oakland high school students, and served as copresident for USF club San Quentin Alliance for C.H.A.N.G.E. (a student group that seeks to help incarcerated persons reintegrate into their communities as constructive and productive members of society). Torres also worked with San Francisco's Legal Services for Prisoners with Children in addition to internships at the CNMI Public Defender's Office and the Public School System's Legal Counsel Office.



R. TORRES
Proud parents William and Priscilla Torres flank their daughter, Nicole Manglona Torres, during her graduation at the University of San Francisco.

Among her accolades include the highly competitive and prestigious 2010 Truman Scholar, awarded to 60 distinguished college students throughout the United States who intend to pursue a graduate education with a commitment to public service. Her exemplary achievement also landed her a seat with the National Society of Collegiate Scholars, Jesuit Honor Society

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Alpha Sigma Nu, and Sociology Honor Society Alpha Kappa Delta. As an honors student, Torres won the coveted 2010 USF Esther Madriz Prize, awarded to a graduating senior who demonstrates academic excellence and a commitment to social justice activism. She was also named USF's 2010 Dean's Medal Finalist and the Spring 2010 USF Sociology Colloquium Speaker.

In Fall 2010, Torres will begin her legal education as a first-year law student at the University of Hawaii Richardson School of Law. Nicole is the daughter of William Sablan Torres and Priscilla Manglona Torres of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. **(PR)**

SSHS' Alcantara named to nat'l scholars group

Saipan Southern High School student Jan Kimberly T. Alcantara has been accepted to the National Society of High School Scholars in recognition of her superior academic achievements.

Her selection was announced last week by the national society's founder and chair, Claes Nobel.

The National Society of High School Scholars recognizes top scholars and invites only those students who have achieved superior academic excellence.

"I am honored to recognize the hard work, sacrifice, and commitment that Jan Kimberly T. Alcantara has demonstrated to achieve

this exceptional level of academic excellence. She is now a member of a unique community of scholars—a community that represents our best hope for the future," said Nobel.

Jan Kimberly is the daughter of Jerry and Ligaya Alcantara.

Membership in the society entitles qualified students to enjoy a wide variety of benefits, including scholarship opportunities, academic competitions, free events, member-only resources, publications and others.

Formed in 2002, there are currently more than 300,000 society members in over 120 countries. **(Moneth G. Deposa)**



Alcantara



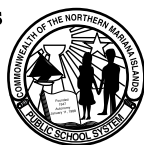
T-SHIRT DONATION

The Set partner Kurt Sablan, right, poses with Eric Atalig, head coach of the HI-5 basketball team at The Set, Cabrera Center, Beach Road, Garapan. The Set donated about 20 t-shirts as an in-kind donation to the HI5 team. This is another way for the company to give back to the community in appreciation for its continued support.

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO



Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands
State Board of Education
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Invitation for bid PSS-IFB-10-052

"PORTABLE HAND HELD RADIOS & ACCESSORIES FOR BUS DRIVERS AND PSS CENTRAL EMERGENCY TEAM"

The Public School System and the State Board of Education are soliciting competitive sealed bids for the purchase of Portable Hand Held Radios and Accessories for PSS Bus Drivers and Emergency Team. The Scope of Work is available beginning May 12, 2010 at the PSS Procurement & Supply Office located on the 3rd floor of the CNMI Retirement Fund Building, Capitol Hill, Saipan MP 96950.

Questions shall be in writing and addressed to Jack Diaz, Federal Program Coordinator via fax at (670) 664-3797 or e-mail to the following address: jack.diaz@cnmipss.org.

Bids must be placed in a sealed envelope marked "IFB 10-052" containing one (1) original with three (3) copies and submitted to the PSS Procurement & Supply Office situated on the 3rd Floor of the CNMI Retirement Fund Building, Capitol Hill, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than Friday, **June 4, 2010 at 11:00 a.m.**, at which time bids, will be publicly opened. Any bids received after the aforementioned date and time will not be accepted.

This purchase is funded by a Grant from the Federal Transit Administration (FTA).

/s/ Rita A. Sablan, Ed. D.
Commissioner of Education

/s/ Robert Florian
Procurement Officer



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INVITATION FOR BID PSS IFB 10-055

"ELECTRICAL UPGRADE AT ROTA HIGH SCHOOL ON ROTA"

The Public School System and the State Board of Education are soliciting sealed bids for the **Electrical Upgrade at Rota High School** on Rota, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. The scope of work and project package is available beginning on May 17, 2010 at Pacific Quick Print for a fee of \$38.60.

This procurement is made in accordance with the CNMI Public School Procurement Rules and Regulations, as revised through June 5, 1998, and in accordance with ARRA Section 1605, "BUY AMERICAN REQUIREMENTS". Bidding Procedures shall be in full compliance with Section 60-40-205 of the PSS Regulations, "Competitive Sealed Bidding".

There will be a mandatory pre-bid conference on Thursday, June 3, 2010, at 2:00 p.m., local time, at the Rota High School Library on Rota. Bids will not be accepted from any bidder who failed to attend this pre-bid conference. Questions may be submitted in writing to Fax No. (670) 323-1075 or emailed to Ms. Elizabeth S. Balajadia at lizb@emchen.com no later than June 8, 2010, 4:30 p.m.

All bids must be in a sealed envelope marked, IFB-10-055, and submitted with one (1) original and five (5) copies to the PSS Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor of the NMI Retirement Fund Building in Capitol Hill, Saipan, no later than 2:00 p.m., local time, June 11, 2010 at which time the bids will be publicly open in the PSS Conference Room, 3rd Floor, NMI Retirement Fund Building. Any bids submitted after the aforementioned date and time will not be accepted under any circumstances.

This project is funded under the AMERICAN RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT ACT (ARRA) with "Buy America" Provisions.

/s/ Rita A. Sablan, Ed. D.
Commissioner of Education

/s/ Robert Florian
Procurement Officer

NMC 30th Commencement Exercises

11. Photo w/out caption.



Up on the stage from left to right are NMC dean of Student Services Leo Pangelinan, acting dean of Academic Programs and Services Dr. Patrick Moran, Lt. Gov. Eloy Inos, NMC interim president Lorraine T. Cabrera, Board of Regents chair Janet King, Board of Regents member Elaine Orilla, and NMC instructor Sam McPhetres.



Graduating students listen to a speaker during the 30th Commencement Ceremony held on May 22, 2010 at the Marianas High School Gymnasium.



NMC Dean of Student Services Leo Pangelinan gave his go-ahead for the graduating class of 2010 to switch their tassels.



Madison Ann Smith, a recipient of the Student Leadership Award, is also a high school graduate from Northern Marianas Academy, a college preparatory school where young scholars are given the privilege of taking college courses at NMC.



Ian Carr gave his remarks after receiving the NMC Student Achievement Award for the General Education Development division. The award is given to graduating individuals who has maintained the highest grade point average upon graduation.



Recipient of the Student Leadership Award, Miles Rodriguez, left, poses with fellow graduates during the NMC 30th Commencement Exercises.



NMC interim president Lorraine T. Cabrera.



Lt. Gov. Eloy Inos, hands over a Student Achievement Award plaque to Roxanne Ferrer. Ferrer was presented the prestigious award for her leadership skills and active involvement in campus activities.



NMC accreditation liaison officer Galvin Deleon Guerrero emceed the ceremony.



The Saipan Southern High School JROTC was responsible for the retrieval of colors.



The Manta Ray Band, along with musical director, Wil Dewitt, play the national and CNMI anthems during the commencement ceremony.

Business

Offshore drilling here to stay, but changes coming

NEW YORK (AP)—BP's massive oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico has focused attention on the petroleum industry's loose regulation and failure to plan for the worst.

That is going to change, experts say.

Regulators are likely to make permitting, inspections and equipment requirements for rigs more stringent. Lawmakers want to extract more money from the industry to help pay for any future cleanups. And insurers are bound to raise rates for underwriting this risky business.

The increased scrutiny—and cost of doing business—is all worth it, says longtime oil analyst Fadel Gheit of Oppenheimer & Co.

"This is a vital industry, and we just can't allow it to self-destruct," Gheit says.

What won't change, experts say, is the industry's expanding pursuit of oil and natural gas deposits under the ocean floor. Global offshore oil output has tripled over the past decade—and it is forecast to double in the next five years. The reason is simple: the best prospects lie beneath the ocean floor.

Since the April 20 incident, millions of gallons of oil have leaked into the Gulf despite efforts by BP to stanch the flow. Multiple congressional hearings have been held, and federal investigators are looking into what caused the oil rig Deepwater Horizon to explode.

Regulatory and industry responses that change the future of offshore drilling won't be known for some time. But experts say the

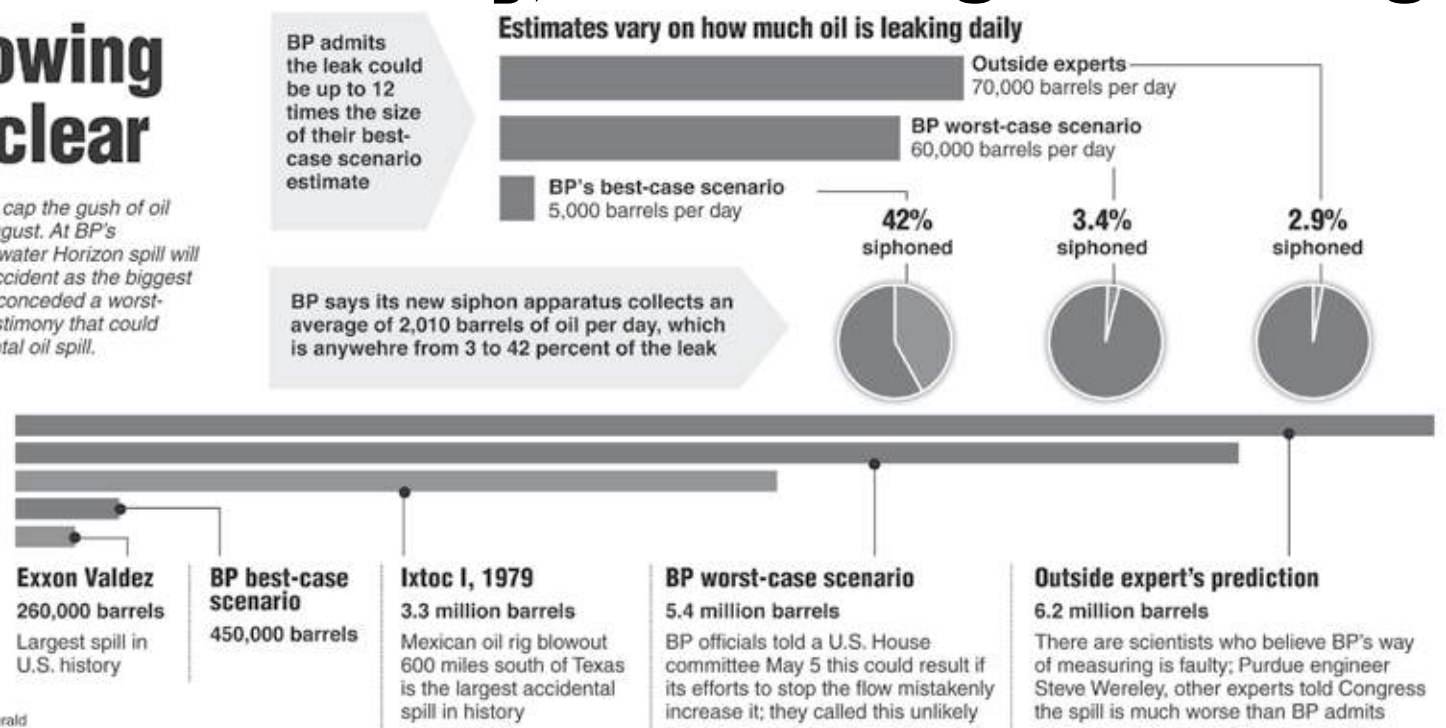
Size of growing spill is unclear

The first relief well is scheduled to cap the gush of oil into the Gulf of Mexico by early August. At BP's best-case scenario rate, the Deepwater Horizon spill will surpass the 1989 Exxon Valdez accident as the biggest oil catastrophe in U.S. history. BP conceded a worst-case scenario in congressional testimony that could make it the world's largest accidental oil spill.

Estimates of total size of spill if leak is sealed by a relief well in 90 days (August), as BP plans

■ Deepwater Horizon spill
■ Past oil spills for comparison

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following are likely:

■ Tougher permitting and inspections. U.S. regulators may ask offshore companies to present more concrete plans for dealing with blowouts like the one that sank the Deepwater Horizon. Once drilling begins, the frequency of inspections could increase. What the U.S. decides could influence policies in other countries like Brazil that have significant offshore drilling industries, says Christopher Garman, director of Latin American analysis at the Eurasia Group in Washington.

■ Higher rates for taxes and insurance. The Obama administration wants to boost by one penny per barrel the tax oil companies pay for the Oil Spill

Feds: Government can't push BP aside on oil spill

COVINGTON, La. (AP)—The Obama administration's point man on the oil spill rejected the notion of removing BP and taking over the crisis Monday, saying the government has neither the company's expertise nor its deep-sea equipment.

"To push BP out of the way would raise a question, to re-

place them with what?" Coast Guard Commandant Thad Allen, who is heading the federal response to the spill, said at a White House briefing.

The White House is facing increasing questions about why the government can't assert more control over the handling of the catastrophe, which un-

folded after a BP offshore drilling rig blew up April 20.

All of BP's attempts to stop the leak have failed, despite the oil giant's use of joystick-operated submarine robots that can operate at depths no human could withstand. Millions of gallons of brown crude are now coating birds and other wildlife and foul-

ing the Louisiana marshes.

BP is pinning its hopes of stopping the gusher on yet another technique never tested 5,000 feet underwater: a "top kill," in which heavy mud and cement would be shot into the blown-out well to plug it up. The top kill could begin as early as Wednesday, with BP CEO Tony Hayward giving it a 60 to 70 percent chance of success.

Toyota stops sale of Lexus LS as it awaits part

NEW YORK (AP)—Toyota Motor Corp. has stopped sales of the Lexus LS sedan for about three weeks while it works to get parts to dealers to fix a problem with the vehicle's steering system, a spokesman said Monday.

Toyota on Friday recalled about 3,800 2009 and 2010 LS 460 and LS 600h sedans in the U.S. to fix a problem in which the steering wheel briefly

shifts out of alignment with the wheels when it is turned to the extreme right or left and then quickly re-centered, such as in a tight U-turn. Toyota said it will remedy the problem by replacing the computer processor in the vehicle's variable gear ratio steering system.

Toyota spokesman Brian Lyons said Lexus dealers will stop selling the LS until they receive

the new computer chips for installation. The new parts are likely to begin arriving in mid-to-late June, he said.

Toyota has recalled about 4,500 LS sedans in Japan and 2,750 elsewhere around the world due to the same problem. The LS is Lexus's highest-end four-door sedan and is priced at \$65,380 for the 460 and \$108,800 for the 600h hybrid model.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Iowa slaughterhouse supervisor hid child workers

WATERLOO, Iowa (AP)—A former supervisor at a kosher slaughterhouse raided by federal agents testified Monday that when child labor inspectors toured the facility, he took two workers he thought were underage and hid them in the basement. Former supervisor Brian Griffith testified Monday against former plant manager Sholom Rubashkin, who is being tried on 83 counts of child labor violations. The charges followed a May 2008 raid at the former Agriprocessors plant in Postville where 389 illegal im-

migrants, including children, were detained. Griffith said his boss told him to hide underage workers. One of the workers he hid, Mario Perez Marroquin, testified earlier Monday that he worked at the plant for two summers while he was in high school and then worked there full-time until the immigration raid.

Foxconn worker dies in China; 10th in a year

GUANGZHOU, China (AP)—A Chinese employee of Foxconn Technology Group fell from a building and died Tuesday, state-run media said, in the 10th such death this year at the world's

largest contract maker of electronics, such as the iPod, Dell computers and Nokia phones. Police have yet to determine if the 19-year-old worker committed suicide, the official Xinhua News Agency reported. Foxconn did not immediately provide other details about the male employee. The death is the ninth at Foxconn's massive plant in the southern city of Shenzhen, which employs more than 300,000 people. Two other workers have tried to kill themselves by jumping from buildings in Shenzhen but they survived. Another suicide occurred at a smaller plant in northern Hebei province in January.



Commonwealth Utilities Corporation Office of the Executive Director



REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL CUC-RFP-10-028

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed proposals from qualified firms for the supply of (2) Two Bucket Trucks (Aerial Lift) for CUC Rota, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The Bucket Trucks will be used to carry out major repairs to 13.8kV distribution Feeder #3, and to grad Feeder-1 and Feeder-2 from 4.160 kV to 13.8kV.

The Scope-of-Work and Bid package will be **e-mailed** upon request to all interested offeror, by the CUC, Procurement & Supply Office, during working hours (7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.), Monday thru Friday, except government observed holiday, **until June 11, 2010.**

One (1) Original and Six (6) Copies must be submitted in a seal envelope marked "CUC-RFP 10-028, Rota Bucket Trucks" to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, Room No. 4, 3rd Floor Joeten Dandan, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan MP 96950, no later than **June 18, 2010 AM, (CHST) local time.** Late submissions and conditional proposal will not be considered.

A Bid Guarantee of 15 percent of the total bid price must accompany the proposal. The security deposit may be in cash, certified check, cashier's check, or bid bond executed by a surety acceptable to the CNMI Office of the Attorney General. A performance and payment bond of hundred (100%) percent each of the total proposal price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful bidders. Surety companies must hold a certificate of authority from the U.S. Secretary of the Treasury as an acceptable surety for proposal security or other surety acceptable to the CNMI Office of the Attorney General. No advance payment will be authorized on the project on an Irrevocable Letter of Credit (100% aggregate contract cost/ CUC Beneficiary) or a payment bond. All insurers questions, concerns and qualification should be handled by the Department of Commerce Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC). The OIC is tasked with regulating and monitoring compliance to the CNMI's Insurance Code (Title 4, Division 7). Offerors must submit a Clearance from the OIC certifying their insurer of choice is in compliance with the CNMI's Insurance Code.

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all proposal and wave any imperfection to CUC-RFP-10-028 in the interest of the government. All proposals shall become the property of CUC.

All inquiries must be submitted in writing no later than **10:00 AM local time on June 15, 2010 10:00 AM (CHST)** to Mr. Manuel B. Sablan, Jr., Procurement and Supply Manager via email at msablan@cucgov.net, Mr. Wallon Young, Deputy Director Power System Rehabilitation via email at wallon59@yahoo.com and Mr. Charles Manglona, Deputy Director, CUC Rota at charles@cucgov.net.

/s/ ABE UTU MALAE
Assistant Executive Director for Operation

/s/ ANTONIO S. MUNA
Executive Director

Nation

SC governor hopeful denies blogger claim of affair

COLUMBIA, S.C. (AP)—Tea party favorite Nikki Haley, a Republican candidate for governor whose campaign gained momentum with recent endorsements from Sarah Palin and Jenny Sanford, vehemently denied allegations Monday that she had an inappropriate relationship with a political blogger several years ago.

Haley, a legislator vying to become the state's first female chief executive and replace disgraced Gov. Mark Sanford, called the claim posted on the blogger's site Monday a smear. She questioned the timing two weeks before the primary, saying it was an attempt to derail her campaign, once considered a long-shot.

"I have been 100 percent faithful to my husband throughout our 13 years of marriage. This claim against me is categorically and totally false," Haley, a 38-year-old mother of two, said in a statement. "It is quite simply South Carolina politics at its worst."

The claim came from Will Folks, a conservative blogger who previously served as Sanford's spokesman. Folks said the relationship took place in 2007 when he did communications work for Haley, including writing speeches and news releases. He offered no proof of it and refused to go into any details.

"I'm not going to paint pictures," he said in an exclusive interview with The Associated Press on the condition his statements would not be published before the allegation was posted on his blog.

Folks pleaded guilty to criminal domestic violence in 2005 and left the Sanford administration around that time. He is now a political consultant and runs FITSNews.com, a conservative site that features occasionally insightful commentary, thinly sourced stories of state political intrigue and photos of women in bikinis.

Folks' allegation comes nearly a year after the governor famously vanished from the state for five days, reappearing from a trip to Argentina to admit to an affair with a woman he later called his "soul mate." The scandal ended Sanford's marriage and led to calls for his resignation. He is term-limited and leaves office in January; in years past he had backed Haley's political aspirations, and his ex-wife campaigned with her earlier this month.

Political scientist Neal Thigpen said he thinks most political activists won't believe Folks, but some tea party supporters could be swayed to support another candidate.

"It seems to me the whole thing is



South Carolina state Rep. Nikki Haley, right, is joined by her husband Michael Haley in Greenville, S.C., Monday, May 24, 2010, as she denies current allegations surrounding an affair with her and blogger Will Folks.

designed to stop Rep. Haley's momentum," said Thigpen, a Francis Marion University professor. "If it's Nikki's word against Will Folks', I know who I'd believe. ... But something like this can do her great damage."

Haley, an accountant and three-term legislator, is in a tight race for the GOP

nomination with Congressman Gresham Barrett, Lt. Gov. Andre Bauer and state Attorney General Henry McMaster.

As word of the purported relationship spread across the state and on the Internet, Haley went on at least two talk radio shows. Callers mostly backed Haley and liked her forceful denial. They

talked about South Carolina's history of unusually dirty politics and its reputation for what's been repeatedly called a "good ol' boy" network. Comments on the Internet were similar, though Folks' website had more support for him.

Several people in Haley's hometown of Lexington in the central part of the state said the allegations wouldn't affect their vote.

Benjamin Partin, 20, said campaigns use as much negativity as they can in the final stretch of primary season.

"You can't expect who's in there to be perfect," said Partin, a restaurant worker who was still undecided on who to vote for. "We had Sanford in there, after all."

Folks, who said he wasn't working for any campaign, claimed he went public because political adversaries were leaking proof of it to the media to impugn his reputation and destroy her.

"The truth in this case is what it is," he wrote. "Several years ago, prior to my marriage, I had an inappropriate physical relationship with Nikki."

Palin, the former Alaska governor and vice presidential candidate, denounced the claim on Facebook, and said she warned Haley that she and her family would be targeted.

White House backs compromise on gays in military

WASHINGTON (AP)—A proposal to step up the repeal of the ban on gays and lesbians serving openly in the military but still allow the Pentagon time—perhaps even years—to implement new policies won the White House's backing on Monday after administration officials met with gay rights activists.

The White House budget office sent a letter supporting the proposal to remove the Clinton-era "don't ask, don't tell" law even as the Pentagon continues a review of the system. Implementation of policy for gays serving openly would still require the approval of President Barack Obama, Defense

Secretary Robert Gates and the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Adm. Mike Mullen. How long implementation might take is not known, but the proposed amendment would have no effect on current practices.

"The proposed amendment will allow for completion of the comprehensive review, enable the Department of Defense to assess the results of the review, and ensure that the implementation of the of the repeal is consistent with standards of military readiness, effectiveness, unit cohesion, recruiting and retention," budget chief Peter Orszag wrote in identical evening let-

ters to Pennsylvania Rep. Patrick Murphy, Connecticut Sen. Joe Lieberman and Michigan Sen. Carl Levin—the Democrats leading the push for repeal.

Murphy, an Iraq war veteran, was expected to introduce the legislative proposal on Tuesday. Gay rights groups urged a quick vote, which could come as early as Thursday.

"Without a repeal vote by Congress this year, the Pentagon's hands are tied and the armed forces will be forced to continue adhering to the discriminatory 'don't ask, don't tell' law," said Joe Solmonese, president of the Human Rights Campaign.

Teacher in trouble after students don Klan robes

ATLANTA (AP)—A North Georgia teacher is on administrative leave and could lose her job after she allowed four students to don mock Ku Klux Klan outfits for a final project in a high school class Thursday, administrators said.

The sight of people in Klan-like outfits upset some black students at the school and led at least one parent to complain.

Catherine Ariemma, who teaches the advanced placement course combining U.S. history with film education, could face punishment ranging from suspension to termination, Lumpkin County

School Superintendent Dewey Moyer said Monday. Ariemma has spent nearly six years teaching in the rural county about 75 miles north of Atlanta.

She told The Associated Press Monday that students were covering an important and sensitive topic—but one that she might handle differently in the future.

"It was poor judgment on my part in allowing them to film at school," Ariemma said. "... That was a hard lesson learned."

The incident happened at Lumpkin County High School. Ariemma said her students spend the year viewing

films and later create their own films to watch in class. She said the students brainstorm and pick topics to cover. This particular class decided to trace the history of racism in America.

She said the class has 15 students of multiple races, but no blacks.

A group of five students took on the subject, which included covering the history of the notorious white supremacist group which had large chapters in Stone Mountain, Ga. and Tuscaloosa, Ala. One student filmed and did not wear sheets, she said.

Feds ask Va. health reform lawsuit be dismissed

RICHMOND, Va. (AP)—President Barack Obama's administration on Monday asked a federal judge in Virginia to dismiss the state's lawsuit alleging Congress overstepped its constitutional bounds with the new health care reform law.

Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius argued in a motion filed hours before a midnight deadline that the law is well within the scope of the Constitution's Commerce Clause.

Virginia's Republican attorney general, Ken Cuccinelli, filed suit in U.S.

District Court in Richmond less than eight hours after Congress enacted the law. It argues that requiring people to buy health coverage or pay a fee exceeds federal powers limited by the Constitution's 10th Amendment.

More than a dozen state attorneys general have sued over the legislation on broadly similar grounds in cases that are likely to be determined by the Supreme Court.

The conservative attorney general sued in defense of a Virginia law en-

acted this winter that exempts state residents from being required to have health coverage. Sebelius argues in her dismissal motion, however, that Virginia lacks the standing to sue.

"A state cannot ... manufacture its own standing to challenge a federal law by simple expedient of passing a statute purporting to nullify it," read the motion. "Otherwise, a state could import almost any political or policy dispute into federal court by enacting its side of the argument into state law."

ACROSS THE NATION

Man allegedly sets blaze because of late dinner

SISSONVILLE, W.Va. (AP)—Kanawha County authorities said a marital spat over a late dinner has landed a man in jail on an arson charge. Lt. Sean Crosier of the Sheriff's Department said 60-year-old Guy Edward Jones came home Sunday and got angry because his wife, Beverly Jones, didn't have dinner on the table. Crosier said the couple fought and Beverly Jones ran to a neighbor's house. Crosier said she turned and saw flames coming out of the basement and her husband exiting through the basement door. Guy Jones was in the South Central Regional Jail on Monday afternoon in lieu of \$50,000 bond. It could not be determined whether he had a lawyer.

Truck carrying 17 million bees crashes in Minn.

LAKEVILLE, Minn. (AP)—Rescue crews were using fire hoses to douse an angry swarm of bees after a fatal crash that involved a semitrailer carrying about 17 million of the insects. Authorities say a truck hauling 7,000 bee hives was involved in the four-vehicle crash Monday on Interstate 35 near Lakeville, about 35 miles south of Minneapolis. Minnesota State Patrol spokesman Lt. Eric Roeske says one person died and another person was airlifted to a hospital. The hives housed roughly 17 million bees and were bound for Bauer Honey in northwestern Minnesota. It's unclear how many bees got loose, but several emergency workers were stung. Crews tried to use fire hoses to get them to fly away. Roeske says all lanes were open by Monday evening.

Calif landfill searched for body of pregnant teen

FONTANA, Calif. (AP)—California police are searching a landfill for the body of a pregnant high school student who vanished two weeks ago and may have been killed by her boyfriend. Investigators dug through debris Monday at Mid-Valley Landfill in Rialto. Police Sgt. Billy Green says the boyfriend of 18-year-old Anyssia Escamilla told investigator he killed her in Fontana and put her body in a trash can. Trash from Fontana was taken to the landfill. Eighteen-year-old Jesus Avitia Jr. was arrested Friday and remained jailed Monday without bail. Escamilla was reported missing May 11 after she failed to return home from high school. Police say Escamilla was three months' pregnant with Avitia's child. She also had a 3-year-old son.

Ex-Hooters employee: I was told to drop weight

ROSEVILLE, Mich. (AP)—Hooters is being served with a lawsuit by a former Detroit-area employee who says she was told to agree to lose weight or lose her job. Cassandra Smith said Hooters violated Michigan law when it placed her on 30-day weight probation earlier this month. She resigned as a result. Smith's lawsuit, filed Monday in Macomb County Circuit Court, says she received good reviews while working at the Roseville restaurant. But on May 14, she says she was told to lose weight to improve her looks. Smith said she weighs 132 pounds, 13 pounds less than when she was recruited in 2008. Hooters' servers wear tank tops and tight shorts. Atlanta-based Hooters of America says it has not seen the lawsuit but insists it doesn't enforce a weight requirement.

World

As Thai monarchy's power wanes, king still revered

BANGKOK (AP)—After deadly street violence 18 years ago, a military strongman and a pro-democracy activist prostrated themselves at the feet of Thailand's king as he lectured the bitter enemies before television cameras like schoolboys after a playground brawl. No more blood was shed on Bangkok's streets.

Today, as Thailand repairs its violence-scarred capital and tries to heal deepening social divisions, two crucial questions hang over the unnerved kingdom: Why didn't King Bhumibol Adulyadej intervene this time, and what is the future of an institution that did so much to hold the country together for more than half a century?

During the two-month crisis, which killed 88 people, injured more than 1,800 and reduced landmark buildings to ashes, the aging and ailing monarch remained virtually silent despite widespread appeals for his in-



In this May 11, 2010 file photo, a pro-government demonstrator holds a portrait of King Bhumibol as she joins a rally at Victory Monument in Bangkok, Thailand.

tervention—a dramatic contrast to times when just a few words from the palace were enough to

pull Thailand back from brink.

Both the anti-government Red Shirt protesters who seized

areas of downtown Bangkok and pro-monarchy groups issued the pleas, saying only Bhu-

Seoul resumes psychological warfare with Pyongyang

SEOUL, South Korea (AP)—Tensions on the Korean peninsula soared Tuesday as South Korea resumed propaganda broadcasts into North Korea in retaliation for the deadly sinking of a warship, while the North's leader reportedly has ordered troops ready for combat.

The South's restarting of psychological warfare operations was among measures it announced Monday, along with slashing trade, to punish Pyongyang for the March torpedo strike that sank a navy warship and killed 46 sailors.

The U.S. has thrown its full

support behind South Korea's moves to retaliate, which also include bringing North Korea before the U.N. Security Council. China—North Korea's main ally and aid provider and a veto-wielding member of the Security Council—has so far done little but urge calm on all sides.

U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton was in Beijing conferring with officials on a coordinated response. China's top nuclear envoy, meanwhile, huddled with South Korean officials in Seoul.

South Korea's military re-

sumed radio broadcasts airing Western music, news and comparisons between the South and North Korean political and economic situations late Monday, according to the Joint Chiefs of Staff. The military also planned to launch propaganda leaflets Tuesday to inform North Koreans about the ship sinking.

In coming weeks, South Korea also will install dozens of propaganda loudspeakers and towering electronic billboards along the heavily armed land border between the two Koreas to send messages enticing communist soldiers to defect

to the South.

The action, which ends a six-year suspension, is expected to draw an angry response from North Korea. The country's military already warned Monday it would fire at any propaganda facilities installed in the Demilitarized Zone.

A North Korean monitoring group said Tuesday that North Korean leader Kim Jong Il last week ordered his 1.2 million-member military to get ready for combat, shortly after South Korea officially blamed his regime for the March 26 sinking of its warship Cheonan.

Britain bans doctor who linked autism to vaccine

LONDON (AP)—The doctor whose research linking autism and the vaccine for measles, mumps and rubella influenced millions of parents to refuse the shot for their children was banned Monday from practicing medicine in his native Britain.

Dr. Andrew Wakefield's 1998 study was discredited—but vaccination rates have never fully recovered and he continues to enjoy a vocal following, helped in the U.S. by endorsements

from celebrities like Jim Carrey and Jenny McCarthy.

Wakefield was the first researcher to publish a peer-reviewed study suggesting a connection between autism and the vaccine for measles, mumps and rubella. Legions of parents abandoned the vaccine, leading to a resurgence of measles in Western countries where it had been mostly stamped out. There are outbreaks across Europe every year and sporadic outbreaks

in the U.S.

"That is Andrew Wakefield's legacy," said Paul Offit, chief of infectious diseases at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia. "The hospitalizations and deaths of children from measles who could have easily avoided the disease."

Wakefield's discredited theories had a tremendous impact in the U.S., Offit said, adding: "He gave heft to the notion that vaccines in general cause autism."

In Britain, Wakefield's research led to a huge decline in the number of children receiving the MMR vaccine: from 95 percent in 1995—enough to prevent measles outbreaks—to 50 percent in parts of London in the early 2000s. Rates have begun to recover, though not enough to prevent outbreaks. In 2006, a 13-year-old boy became the first person to die from measles in Britain in 14 years.

WORLD BRIEFS

Jamaica cops attack drug lord's slum stronghold

KINGSTON, Jamaica (AP)—More than 1,000 police and soldiers assaulted a public housing complex occupied by heavily armed gangsters defending an alleged drug lord wanted by the U.S., waging a major offensive in the heart of West Kingston's ramshackle slums. Security forces broke through barbed-wire barricades and fought their way into

the warren-like Tivoli Gardens neighborhood Monday afternoon. Sporadic gunfire could be heard into the night echoing across the darkened slums, where authorities cut off power. Military helicopters flying with their lights off buzzed overhead. Masked gunmen swarmed around West Kingston trying to prevent the extradition of Christopher "Dudus" Coke, who has been indicted in New York on drug and arms trafficking charges. The U.S. Justice Department con-

siders him one of the world's most dangerous drug lords.

Philippines' Aquino not ready to quit smoking

MANILA, Philippines (AP)—The Philippines' president-apparent is not yet ready to quit smoking. Anti-tobacco advocates have urged Sen. Benigno Aquino III, a heavy smoker, to quit and serve as a model for their cause. He has asked for more time to kick the

habit. The son of the country's democracy icons said Monday when he ran for president everyone knew he was a smoker. He says he will quit "at the appropriate time." Sen. Pia Cayetano has urged Aquino to "do an Obama," referring to the U.S. president, by pushing for stricter enforcement of anti-smoking laws despite being a smoker. Aquino is poised to become president-elect in an almost-complete vote count of May 10 elections.

mibol could save the day.

It is unlikely Thailand will see a replay of 1992, when the king called in Gen. Suchinda Kraprayoon, who had earlier staged a coup, and Chamlong Srimuang, leader of mass bloody protests against the strongman. Even then, the king stepped in after the fighting had ceased, "because he has to be sure he has made the right move," said Craig J. Reynolds, a Thai expert at The Australian National University.

The king has been hospitalized since Sept. 19, is confined to a wheelchair and appears frail. His health is cited for his

silence by many Thais, with some speculating that he is also just too depressed to act at seeing the country spiraling downwards toward the end of his nearly 64-year reign.

But there may be other reasons. The king in recent years has lost some of his semi-divine aura as opposing political camps sought to drag him into the political fray, often using "lese majeste," a law criminalizing offenses against the monarchy punishable by up to 15 years in prison, as a weapon against one another. If Bhumibol had acted, or acts now, the old magic may not work, thus further weakening the institution.

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WELLS FARGO FINANCIAL SAIPAN, INC. CIVIL CASE NO. 08-0271

Plaintiff,

vs.

ANDRESINA BENAVENTE,

Defendant.

THIRD AMENDED
NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that pursuant to an Order issued by the court on May 13, 2009 and a Writ of Execution issued on July 15, 2009 in this matter, I will sell, at public auction, to the highest bidder, on the terms and conditions set forth herein below, all of the right, title, and interest of defendant, **Andresina Benavente** in and to the following real properties located at Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands:

E.A. 216-5-1, (formerly part of E.A. 216-5, which was part of E.A. 216), as more particularly described on Drawing/Cadastral Plat No. 2053/89, the original of which was recorded on 02 February as 1989, as Document No. 89-352, at Commonwealth Recorder's Saipan, said property is located in As Perdido Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands.

Date, Time and Place of Sale. The sale will be held on June 02, 2010 at the hour 1:00 p.m. at the Law Office of Danilo T. Aguilar 1st Floor San Jose Court Building, Corner Ghiyeghi St., and Wischira Way, San Jose Saipan MP 96950. The sale will be open to the general public.

Inspection of Property. It is the responsibility of each bidder to inspect the property prior to sale. Failure to inspect the property or any portion thereof will not constitute ground for any claim, adjustment, or rescission by any buyer.

Warranties and Covenants. All property listed for sale in this Notice will be sold in its current condition, and at its current location. The sale will be held without any warranties or covenants whatsoever, whether express or implied, including but not limited to warranties of title, merchantability, and/or fitness for any purpose whatsoever, all of which warranties and covenants are hereby expressly disclaimed. Neither the undersigned nor the plaintiff may give any warranty or covenants, express or implied, with respect to the property listed for sale in this Notice. Neither he undersigned nor the plaintiff shall be liable for the quality of the property listed for sale in this Notice, or for any fault or defect in the description thereof. Buyer shall not be entitled to rescission, damages or any other remedy on account thereof.

Conduct of Sale.

a) Reserve. The auction sale may be held with reserve. The reserve price for any property offered for sale may or may not be disclosed to bidders, in the sole discretion of the undersigned.

b) Rights and duties of auctioneer. Consistent with the laws, customs and the usages of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands governing auction sales, the undersigned shall have the following rights and duties in conducting the auction sale: (1) to withdraw the property listed for sale in this Notice before sale or before a bid for such a property is accepted; (2) to adjourn the sale without notice at any time before any specific property is struck off, without incurring any liability whatsoever thereby; and (3) to reject, on behalf of the seller, any or all bids, for any reason.

c) Bids. Bids may be submitted in advance for any or all of the property listed in this Notice. The highest of such bids will automatically be considered the opening bid for the item. Advance bids may be submitted only in writing, signed by the bidder, and delivered to the Law Office of Danilo T. Aguilar 1st Floor San Jose Court Building, corner Ghiyeghi St., and Wischira Way, San Jose Saipan MP 96950. The bidder assumes all risks of non-delivery, late delivery, or mis-delivery of bids. Any person, including the plaintiff, may bid in person at the auction sale, whether or not such person has submitted an advance bid.

d) Disputes. The undersigned may resubmit any property listed in this Notice if a dispute arises as to any bid thereon.

Enforcement of Auction Sale.

a) Deposit. Every successful bidder shall pay to the undersigned a deposit of ten percent (10%) of the purchase price immediately after the sale is consummated. Payment shall be in cash or by certified check. The balance must be paid to the plaintiff, in care of the Law Office of Danilo T. Aguilar within three (3) days from the date of sale, in cash or by certified check. If the balance is not so paid, plaintiff will retain the deposit as liquidated damages, and will again offer the property for sale.

b) Memorandum of Sale. If required by the undersigned, every successful bidder must sign a Memorandum of Sale, immediately after the sale of any property is struck off at auction.

c) Court Approval. Every sale may be subject to approval by the court. The Auctioneer makes no warranties or promises with respect to court approval of the sale, including but not limited to the time in which such approval may be granted. No delay in the granting of court approval shall be ground for any claim, adjustment, or rescission by any successful bidder. The successful bidder will be promptly notified if and when court approval is granted.

Change of Terms and Conditions. The undersigned and the plaintiff reserve the right to change any of the terms hereof by announcement, written or oral, made before the auction sale or at the commencement thereof, and such change or changes, by virtue of this clause, shall be binding on all bidders by constructive notice.

Dated, this 24th day of May, 2010.

LAW OFFICE OF DANILO T. AGUILAR

/s/ Danilo T. Aguilar

Campus Life

Kagman students learn how to make amplifiers

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The complex task of building electronics equipment is a cinch for many Kagman High School students, thanks to the school's basic electronics class offered as an elective subject throughout the year.

Instructor Benjie Ladrangan has 50 students under his elective class this semester. On Monday, his students submitted their most difficult assignment yet: to build their own amplifiers, ready for use in their homes.

Basic electronics is all about electrical components and the circuits consisting of different parts such as resistors, capacitors, inductors, transistors, and integrated circuits. These components are interconnected with conductors, either physical wires or printed circuits. The students' project, an amplifier, is simply a device or circuit that takes a small signal input and controls a larger current as it output.

Yesterday, Ladrangan showed his students how

to properly assemble their project and how to connect all needed wirings and parts for a fully functioning amplifier.

Francis Castro, a senior, said that, prior to attending Ladrangan's class, he didn't have enough understanding of what electronics is all about. On Monday, he proudly showed off his amplifier project to the class.

Junior student Dominic Cabrera acknowledged the benefits his family gained from his basic electronics class, as it allowed him to do fix-it projects at home without the need to hire outside experts.

Since the program's inception at Kagman High School two years ago, Ladrangan said many students have benefited from the knowledge they gained from his class. He pointed out the importance of providing students with

basic skills as a means of helping families save money in times of minor electrical troubles at home.

The electronics class offered in Kagman High School is aligned with the Public School System's standards and benchmarks.



MONETH G. DEPOSA

Instructor Benjie Ladrangan, right, and his students in Kagman High School's basic electronics class, show off the amplifier projects submitted Monday in his class. Fifty students successfully gained credits from this semester's sessions about the basic of electronics.

31 NMC students take part in storysharing course

The Northern Marianas College's School of Education students underwent a Teacheread basic storysharing course that started last March 26, 2010. The Teacheread basic storysharing course, a CNMI Motherhead/Fatheread literacy program, was implemented to expand storysharing skills of aspiring student teachers at the college.

In the basic storysharing course, the students explored the importance of reading aloud to young

dren's literature to help the student participants foster the love of reading and storytelling in the children they will serve.

"I learned a lot more than I expected. The sequence of the Teacheread is interesting and meaningful. How to organize the sequence of the story and how to prepare a good activity for the children," one participant said.

Another student said, "It help us become confident reading in front of our peers and instructors. Also it gave me a dynamic method...I agree that using stories is a way to teach children language skills and valuable lessons." "...The way you read to children can really factor their comprehension. The activities for some of the stories really taught me to appreciate life and accept myself," another student added.

Motheread certified trainers Viola Deleon Guerrero, Angelina Yobech, Rhea-Ayne Chong, and Bryan Manabat facilitated the Teacheread basic storysharing course at NMC.

School of Education instructor Velma Deleon Guerrero assisted the trainers in awarding the certificates of completion to the students that completed the 12-hour Basic Storysharing course. A total of 31 student participants received their Teacheread certificates. The course was completed last April 23, 2010. (PR)



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A total of 31 Northern Marianas College students receive their Teacheread certificates after completing the 12-hour Basic Storysharing course.

children. They learned storysharing techniques and how to use the Motherhead story-sharing frame works in classroom setting to make reading aloud fun for them and the children that they will read to. The 12-hour course also gave them the opportunity to practice what they learned with their fellow education major students.

The Teacheread basic storysharing course uses Motherhead/Fatheread's highly acclaimed multicultural library collection of well-known chil-

MOTHEREAD/FATHEREAD GRADUATES



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Dandan Headstart participants Joy Conge, Sukanya Kaipat, Geraldine Iloso, and Leah Olivo are joined by Motherhead trainers after completing the Motherhead/Fatheread storyreading course on April 17, 2010.



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Garapan Headstart participants Morroni Babauta, Lucio Saures, Maelyn Mendiola, Teddy Sansano, Maricel Villasin, Emtaz Chowdury, and Israt Chowdury pose with their certificates after completing the course on April 14, 2010.



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San Antonio Headstart participants Nelyn Villagomez, Rita Albay, Bianca Koshiba, and Jeny Munar pose with their children after completing the MR course on May 4, 2010.



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Rota, Songsong Headstart center participants and their spouses recite the Parents' Pledge as part of the completion ceremony for the Motherhead/Fatheread program on March 22, 2010. The parent participants who completed the adult course were Catherine Macugay, Rommel Gascon, and Bobby Mangaong, with Motherhead certified trainer Geraldine Dela Cruz.

Life & Style

Feeling at home at the Taste of the Marianas

By JAIME R VERGARA
SPECIAL TO THE SAIPAN TRIBUNE



PIC's food stall, on the right, welcomes diners on the north end of the west wing of the food quad. JAIME VERGARA

I do not need the additional calories, being my neighborhood's *xiao pang zi* (literally "little fat," but means "cute" as applied to babies and ladies with well-rounded personalities), but meant to be just plain "fatso" to those with bulging midribs like me, save at my age as a *lao ye ye* (grandpa), I am the "honored and venerable fatso."

I dwell in one of the Sino-dwellings (old barracks, congested single rooms, and rundown apartments with dubious electrical connections) on island, home to many Chinese holdouts waiting for immigration to clear up, and given that all our antennae are on survival mode, I get to pick up a few *Putunghua* when my neighbors from Guangdong, Fujian, and Shanghai speak to each other before reverting back to their local dialects.

So I really did not have any reason to mosey over to the Taste of the Marianas at the American Memorial Park last Saturday, not only because having joined the ranks of the underemployed, the food festival tokens have suddenly become scarce and precious, but also because the blood pressure is rising again, even with atenolol and metoprolol tantrate to ease artery flow! The last thing I needed was a slab of marinated and BBQ'd beef ribs with a side dish of crispy-skinned *lechon* (roast pork) and side order of butter-dripping corn-on-the-cob. With the bottled/canned brew—lager, draft, pilsen, or light—so accessible in the middle of the food quad, the forgoing was just hors d'oeuvres.

But we all know the Taste of the Marianas is not just a food festival.

It is part of our year-round series of community celebrations. Didn't we just have the Flame Tree Arts Festival? And isn't the monthlong Liberation libation coming up in a short while? Jonas Barcinas was not just in the crowd trying to learn something that might be useful at the Fisherman's landing in Gualo Rai next month. He was in his old celebration mode par excellence. We ran into BoR Janet King again; we saw her earlier at the NMC graduation. She came to feast before returning home to Tinian. In short, the beautiful people were on hand.

Yes, we might be two installments behind in our car payment, but we're too chic not to want to see and be seen, so we forked out the dime! We might be in tough economic times but we'll be darned if we let that stand in the way of doing real and authentic Saturday Night Live with friends and buddies at the Park.

So came to our view Ron Smith, our barefoot digital guru and resident Thai in *haole* skin tights, equipped with surgical mask. He was taking no chances with his health. True, the smoke from the BBQ pits was obtrusive, but that was not the only smoke floating about. Mary Jane dared to waft, and telltale signs of whiffed "ice" were observable on a few glazed eyes. Never mind that members of the Garapan bike patrol were visible. They have been known not to notice. With ice (not the cube) consumption at an epidemic high, all pun intended, even respectable officers in and out of public service are not immune to getting under the influence. But the bike patrol did made me feel at ease, not for the security they pro-

vided but for looking like they've been a year ahead of me on the food line. I looked slim in comparison.

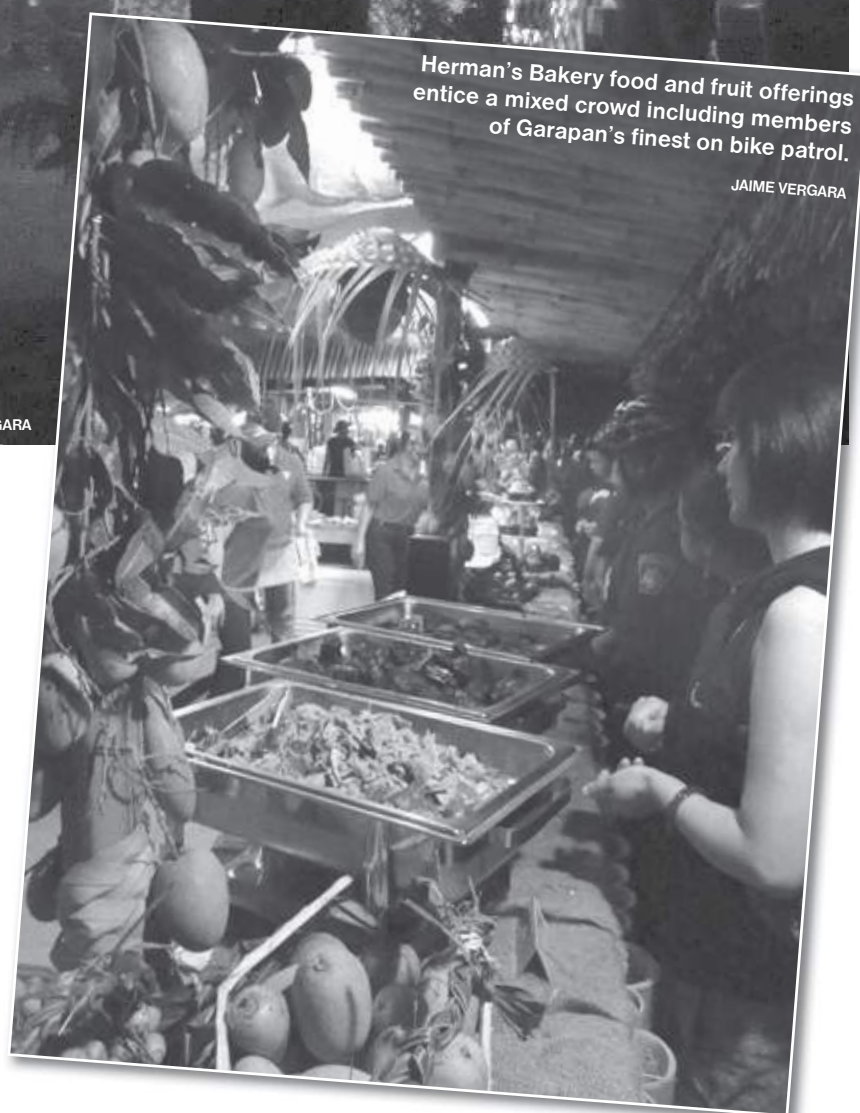
Feeling at home at Herman's Bakery food stall was the first sign I was in trouble. No less than Jun Pan was serving, and Uncle Eloy bothered to stop by; the rest of the adult Guerreros congregated and I found no difficulty fitting size-wise into the gathering. Perhaps, Herman G. does taste all his bakery offerings before they are sold to the public! However, to my reluctant regret, they were serving among other things, beef BBQ and *lechon*! The pickled green mango was *apagigi's* consort. I indulged. Overly.

Bookends to the west side of the food quad were Herman's and PIC, both doing brisk service to the night's throng. PIC was within shouting distance to the bartending competition. It was a raucous crowd that cheered for their favorite bottle twirler.

By Herman's is the stage where the sights and sounds of the Taste of the Marianas were most pronounced. Bands performed, and solo performers crooned and wailed to their hearts' desires. The obligatory island dancers were there, attired in a way no self-respecting Pacific Islander would dress up, but what the hell, this is show business and we are doing it for tourism, right?

The kinesthetic skills of our young are not appreciated and are underutilized. We are short of educational benchmarks (we favor mind trips) to affirm, encourage, and refine their talents for their own sake before they become commercial subject to market forces.

A remarkable phenomenon I witnessed in China was communal danc-



Herman's Bakery food and fruit offerings entice a mixed crowd including members of Garapan's finest on bike patrol. JAIME VERGARA

ing that combined cultural expression and aerobic exercise. From the lakeside parks of Guilin-Yangshuo in karsts country Guangxi, to the parking lots in *Russkiye* Harbin in *Dong Bei*, were nightly line dancing. Some did ballroom style under the stars in Shenyang's Shifu park, and motion meditation in Shanghai's *Renmin* (Peoples) Park. As our train from Guilin-to-Beijing careened at night through Mao's Hunan, we passed through villages where music blared and people danced. These were not staged; they were open and participatory. Perhaps, the Liberation festivities will encourage people to do likewise, *cha-cha-cha!*

This *lao ye ye* now abides by a relatively strict regimen. Though the beauty sleep is no longer an objective, getting to bed early has become a medical necessity, were one to function well in the morrow. Not too many of my

crowd (Abdul and Mahmud shy away from the pork's aroma) were there to *kam pei* the night away, not so much because they suffer more than the other "alien" groups, but Dong Bo and Yuhua pinch their pennies more than my Pinoy *kababayans* whose cavalier *bahala na* takes care of tomorrow.

The communal function of the food festival is unmistakable; the involvement of the volunteers and the parking aides, the performers and the gawkers, the vendors and the consumers, the sellers and the buyers, all go into the fabric of society, and when we do stop to eat together, and perhaps even bother to talk to each other, we can elbow each other in the queue but will not spat apart. That would be like very *taotao tano!*

Catch the last BBQ and brew, smoke and hip hula strokes, this Saturday.

Lohan ordered to wear alcohol monitoring bracelet

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. (AP)—Lindsay Lohan left court Monday with a heavy new piece of jewelry, but it wasn't her favorite kind of bling. Lohan sported an ugly, alcohol-monitoring ankle bracelet that came with tough restrictions on her probation that could cut into her career plans.

The measures were ordered after Lohan angered Superior Court Judge Marsha Revel by failing to show up for a hearing last week in Beverly Hills and instead attended the Cannes Film Festival in France.

Photos from Cannes showed the actress partying on a yacht into the late hours on the day she was supposed to be in court in Beverly Hills.

A bench warrant was issued for her arrest then lifted when her lawyer posted bail and Lohan flew back to the United States over the weekend.

Lohan's lawyer said the actress had her passport stolen in Cannes and couldn't travel in time to attend the hearing.

Lohan, wearing a dark gray pants suit, arrived in court a few minutes late and appeared somber and concerned when



Actress Lindsay Lohan, left, talks to her attorney Shawn Chapman Holley during a hearing in Beverly Hills, Calif., Monday, May 24, 2010.

she conferred with her attorney about the move to attach the bracelet and require drug and alcohol testing every week in the Los Angeles area.

The bracelet gets a signal through the skin if a person has been drinking and sends the sig-

nal to the company that monitors it, court spokesman Alan Parachini said.

The actress has been on probation since August 2007 after pleading guilty to misdemeanor drug charges and no contest to three driving charges.

Earlier that summer, Lohan had spent more than six weeks at Promises Malibu Alcohol and Drug Rehab Treatment Facility.

When she left, Lohan agreed to wear an alcohol-monitoring bracelet so there would be no questions about her sobriety if

she chose to go dancing or dining in a place where alcohol was served, publicist Leslie Sloane Zelnik said at the time.

Lohan's attorney, Shawn Chapman Holley, told Judge Revel on Monday that Lohan was planning to travel to Texas to film a movie titled "Machete."

Revel suggested the actress might have to delay the project and was unmoved when Holley suggested Lohan could fulfill the latest probation requirements in Texas.

Revel stressed that she was prepared to spend a half-hour reading Lohan and Holley a list of her reasons for ordering the bracelet, drug tests and an alcohol-education program.

Holley conferred with Lohan then accepted the judge's decision.

Asked if she understood the orders, Lohan said quietly, "Yes, your honor." It was her only statement in court.

Holley noted that Lohan had missed one previous hearing after he uncle died.

"Did she attend the funeral?" the judge asked coldly. Holley turned to Lohan, who sadly shook her head no.

Lohan, 23, did not address a

throng of media outside the courthouse before joining Holley at the hearing. The actress rushed past the media on her way out, leaving in a waiting SUV.

On Monday, Revel set a probation violation hearing for July 6 to address Lohan's failure to appear in court last week for a scheduled progress report on the probation stemming from the two high-profile arrests.

Lohan, who gained fame in the movies, "Mean Girls" and "The Parent Trap," has provided the tabloid media with lots of fodder with her personal escapades. She spent more than two hours after the hearing waiting for a bracelet to be placed on her ankle. Lohan must wear the bracelet until the July hearing, when the judge will decide if it will remain in place, Parachini said.

Lohan was to be arrested upon her return to Los Angeles for missing the mandatory hearing, but the judge recalled the warrant late Thursday after Lohan posted bail.

Holley said Lohan's passport was stolen and she had proof Lohan had an airplane ticket to return for that hearing.

'Idol' finalist can't wait to reveal her own songs

BY JOHN SEEWER
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

ELLISTON, Ohio (AP)—Long before adopting the dreadlocks, "American Idol" finalist Crystal Bowersox discovered what she needed to make sense of the world.

She calls it her comfort blanket—her guitar—and has been dragging it around ever since finding her mom's six-string while snooping for Christmas presents when she was 10.

There's been one with her nearly every step, in Toledo's smoky dive bars and Chicago's subway stations, helping her navigate through plenty of hard times.

Her parents divorced when she was a toddler, leaving her bouncing among several homes. She was diagnosed with diabetes in the second grade and struggled to stay out of hospitals.

And after leaving home at age 17, she ended up in Chicago singing for rent money in coffee houses and blues clubs before coming back home pregnant and broke.

"To put her thoughts to music, that I'm sure was an escape," said one of her mentors, Bobby May, who gave her the chance to sing between his sets in bars around Toledo when she was barely a teen.

Even at that young age, he said, Bowersox wasn't intimidated by her surroundings. "Once you get into the music, you can block out any distractions," May said.

"Idol" watchers have come to know her as a singer with a cool stage presence and raw vocals that evoke Janis Joplin and Melissa Etheridge—and as the 24-year-old mother of a toddler, Tony. But what they haven't



In this photo made Friday, May 14, 2010, American Idol contestant Crystal Bowersox of Elliston, Ohio, talks with her fans while performing a free concert in Toledo, Ohio. At left is Toledo Mayor Michael Bell.

gotten to discover yet is her songwriting.

So far, producers of the singing competition have resisted her pleas to play one of her originals. She's still hoping to sing one of her own songs in the finale Tuesday.

Bowersox has been a favorite all season on the Fox singing competition along with Lee DeWyze of Mount Prospect, Illinois, another bluesy 24-year-old. This year's "Idol" will be crowned Wednesday night.

Friends say Bowersox hoped trying out for the show would draw attention to her songwriting and that before "Idol" she had talked about moving to Nashville, Tenn., to become a songwriter.

"When America starts hearing her original music, that's when the true artist is going to come

out," said Dave Gierke, one of her former music teachers at the Toledo School for the Arts.

He first heard her singing outside a farmer's market when she was 15. It was a song about her dad, Bill Bowersox, now an electrician at a metal processing plant. "She sang this song that literally brought tears to my eyes," Gierke said.

He encouraged her to enroll at the school where she suddenly found herself in a place where she could be a musician all day. "She'd play in my classroom and sing with as much conviction as she would in front of a hundred people," he said.

Big crowds or fame were never the goal, said Frankie May, a childhood friend who became her bass player. The two had a regular Monday night gig that sometimes only drew a couple

dozen people in suburban Toledo up until she left for "Idol."

"We still played like we were playing to a full house," he said.

About a dozen of her original songs already have been posted on YouTube.

Some are heart-wrenching, revealing a unique "old soul" quality that her teachers noticed early on when she was still a teenager.

"The songs she writes are real," said Jamie Dael, her high school choir teacher. "They're either things she's lived, things she's seen, stories she's heard. She puts that all together in a package that other people can relate to."

Bowersox has been writing originals longer than she's been playing guitar.

She grew up in Elliston, a village of no more than 100 people that didn't have a sign welcoming visitors until a few months ago when church members put up a sign honoring the hometown star.

It was here where she had time to reflect on life and put it into songs.

Neighbors remember hearing her sing late at night in a garage next to the house.

Her elementary school music teacher, Vicki Sievert, remembers that she came to her in the third or fourth grade with a song she had written.

"It was a real song. It had form, it had melody, it had harmony," she said. "I was so impressed. I knew then there was a lot of talent." At first, she started out singing karaoke in bars with her mother. At county fairs, festivals and talent shows, she'd sing with a guitar almost as big as she was, sometimes winning money to buy clothes.

Sarah Ferguson, Duchess of York, in trouble again

LONDON (AP)—Sarah Ferguson was once considered a lively spark, just the thing to brighten up Britain's staid royal family when she married Prince Andrew and became Duchess of York.

But in recent years, the brash redhead has found herself in trouble. She was the royal who struggled to control her weight and balance her checkbook—and often ended up in the tabloid newspapers for all the wrong reasons.

Though work in America improved her bank account and her image, Ferguson took a blow over the weekend when a Sunday tabloid reported that she had offered access to Andrew, Britain's special representative for trade and investment, to an undercover



Ferguson

reporter. Her price? Allegedly a half-million pounds (\$724,000), with a \$40,000 down payment. The News of the World front page read "Fergie 'sells' Andy for 500k" and the story went global. Ferguson issued a statement apologizing for causing embarrassment and a "serious lapse in judgment" and said Andrew "was not aware or involved in any of the discussions that occurred."

Ferguson, 50 and the mother to two princesses, has said she never felt able to fulfill her role as a royal.

"The harder I pushed, the more things fell apart," she wrote in her 1996 memoir, "My Story."

"Even at my dizzy height of popularity, I knew that the clock would strike 12 and I'd be seen for what I was: unworthy, unat-

tractive, unaccomplished. And finally, logically, undone."

Her career in some respects ran parallel to that of Diana, Princess of Wales. It was Diana who invited Ferguson to be Andrew's date at Royal Ascot, leading to a marriage in 1986.

The couple separated in 1992, the same year as Prince Charles and Diana. Ferguson and Prince Andrew divorced, amicably, in 1996, the same year that Charles and Diana parted on less friendly terms.

Both women were stripped of the "royal highness" aspect of their titles, but both stayed in the public spotlight.

The big difference was that Charles settled a fortune on his ex-wife, while Ferguson told the News of the World that she got

just 15,000 pounds (\$22,000) a year because it was based on the income Prince Andrew earned when he was a naval officer.

Even before her split with Andrew, Ferguson made headlines—and they weren't positive. There were reports of a romantic link in 1989 with the son of a Texas oil tycoon. Then, in 1992, intimate photographs of Ferguson and John Bryan, an American businessman were published by the Daily Mirror. As the BBC dryly observes on its website, some of the photographs "appear to show Mr. Bryan kissing the duchess' foot." And she wasn't wearing a top.

To make it worse, Ferguson was staying with the royal family at their summer base, Balmoral Castle in Scotland, when the pictures were published.

Brittany Murphy's husband is found dead at home

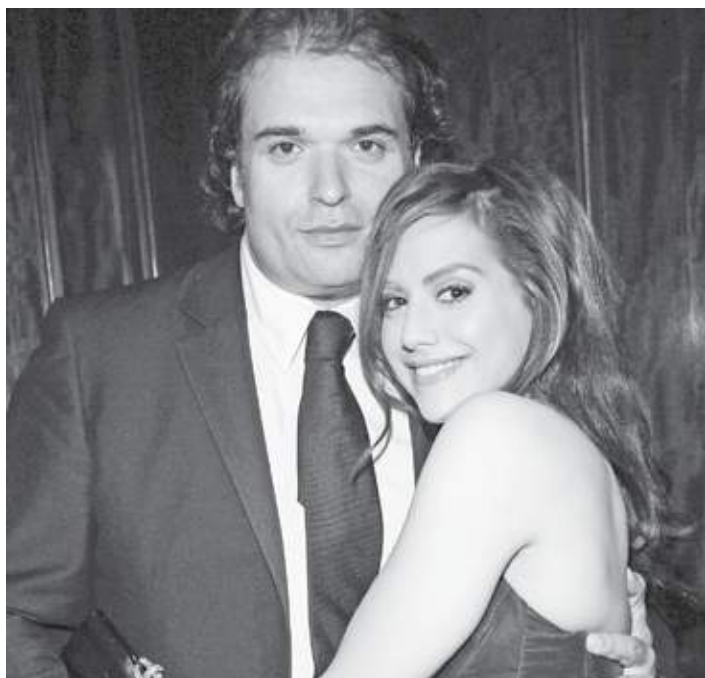
LOS ANGELES (AP)—The husband of Brittany Murphy was found dead by his mother-in-law late Sunday at the Los Angeles home he shared with the late actress, the coroner's office said. Simon Monjack's death was reported as a possible heart attack and appeared to be from natural causes, Los Angeles County Assistant Chief Coroner Ed Winter said. Monjack was 39.

"He was discovered by Brittany's mom as being unresponsive" in the master bedroom of the Hollywood Hills home at about 9:40 p.m. Sunday, Winter said. Sharon Murphy called paramedics, who pronounced him dead.

There were no signs of foul play or physical injury to his body, Winter said.

Prescription medications belonging to Monjack were found in his bedroom, but there was no immediate indication that he overdosed, Winter said.

An autopsy was planned Tuesday, but a final cause of death would await results of planned



In this Nov. 1, 2007 file photo, Actress Brittany Murphy, right, and husband, writer Simon Monjack, left, attend the BAFTA/LA Cunard Britannia Awards in Los Angeles.

toxicology tests, Winter said.

Murphy died last Dec. 20 after

collapsing in the home.

At his wife's funeral, a visibly

emotional Monjack talked about their relationship and called her his best friend and soul mate. The two married in 2007. He had said they were planning a family and contemplating a move to New York.

Monjack is credited as producer and co-writer of the 2001 film "Two Days, Nine Lives" and executive producer of the 2006's "Factory Girl."

Murphy, best known for her major roles in "Clueless," "Girl Interrupted" and "8 Mile," died at age 32. The Los Angeles County coroner's office concluded her death was accidental but likely preventable.

The coroner's report said medications found in her system were consistent with treatment of a cold or respiratory infection. Monjack and Murphy's mother had reported the actress was ill with flulike symptoms in the days before her death.

Investigators found numerous prescription medications in her home, but an autopsy found no evidence that Murphy abused drugs.

Brother's secret daughter deserves to be revealed

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN
FROM UNIVERSAL PRESS SYNDICATE

DEAR ABBY: I am in shock. My brother, "Paul," invited me to lunch yesterday and introduced me to an 18-year-old girl, "Amy," whom he says is his daughter from a woman other than his wife. Naturally, she was full of questions about me and the rest of the family.



Dear Abby

I don't know why Paul chose to reveal Amy's existence to me—and only me—but I told my brother he needs to share his "secret" with all concerned. I don't think it's fair for Amy to be deprived of meeting her father's side of the family.

I also don't want anyone to get hurt, but Amy has been hurt enough by this secret. I am uncomfortable that my brother has included me in this conspiracy, and I'm not sure how to handle this. Any ideas?

IN THE MIDDLE IN NEW JERSEY

DEAR IN THE MIDDLE: On some level your brother may want the truth to come out, because when a secret is shared it's no longer a secret. So tell your brother that you refuse to be his co-conspirator, and that you feel his keeping Amy isolated from the family is unfair to her. Then give him a deadline to come clean, with the understanding that if he doesn't, you will.

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DEAR ABBY: Now that I have found a job after a few months of unemployment, my boyfriend and I are tying the knot. I work in a very small office and would like to invite everyone to bring a date to the reception. My dilemma? I suspect that two of the men in the office are involved with each other, and I'm not close enough to anyone else to inquire.

I have no problem with their sexual orientation, but I don't want to put my foot in my mouth by inviting them as a couple. What would you think of posting an invitation (postcards and e-vites) to all employees and their dates? I ordinarily wouldn't, but being a little "gauche" seems better than being downright rude. I suspect the men downplay their relationship, and I don't want to invade their privacy. Abby, what would you do?

BRIDE WITH A DILEMMA

DEAR BRIDE: I would handle it by inviting each of my co-workers, stating "and guest" on the invitation, and asking for an RSVP. Then, whomever they choose to bring is up to them, and all I'd need to know is how many guests to expect at the reception.

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DEAR ABBY: I have been dating "Luke" for about three months. He's a sweet and thoughtful guy who cares about me, and I care for him as well.

My problem is I have never been the kind of person who likes to be touched. It makes me feel tense and uneasy. Luke likes to touch me constantly—stroking my cheek, rubbing the back of my neck, or kissing my cheeks and forehead.

It isn't that I don't like hugs or kisses, but too much drives me crazy. How do I explain this to Luke without hurting his feelings?

ENOUGH IN THE SOUTHWEST

DEAR ENOUGH: A good start would be to say to him exactly what you have communicated to me. And when you do, tell him to please not take your feelings as personal rejection. Different people have different needs for closeness and affection. Because the constant touching makes you uncomfortable, you and Luke must reach a compromise that's acceptable to both of you—or you're not the girl for him.

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ENTERTAINMENT TIDBITS

Bowersox, DeWyze make nice before 'Idol' finale

LOS ANGELES (AP)—If the two "American Idol" finalists are feeling any pre-show jitters, they're hiding it well. At a news conference Monday in Los Angeles, Crystal Bowersox and Lee DeWyze joked around when asked about competing against each other. The 24-year-old DeWyze, from Mount Prospect, Ill., said he'd be happy for Bowersox if she won, then teased her by saying he was engaging in strategy. Bowersox, 24, of Toledo, Ohio, who said she and DeWyze have a friendly rivalry, suggested they "freak everybody out" by starting a band. The pair will sing on the Fox TV show at 8-9 p.m. EDT Tuesday, with the results to be announced in a two-hour finale airing at 8 p.m. EDT Wednesday.

Sean Hayes to host this year's Tony Awards

NEW YORK (AP)—Sean Hayes will be the host of the Tony Awards next month. The former "Will & Grace" actor is working on Broadway alongside Kristin Chenoweth in "Promises, Promises." He has a Tony nomination for best actor in a musical for the role. CBS made the announcement Monday. The network is broadcasting the Tonys live from Radio City Music Hall in New York on June 13. The musicals "Fela" and "La Cage aux Folles" dominate the nominations. With Neil Patrick Harris as host, the Tony Awards audience last year was up 19 percent from 2008—leading a run of awards shows that scored solidly in the ratings.

Cyrus ready for critics thanks to 'Hannah Montana'

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP)—Dolly Parton—who plays Miley Cyrus' aunt on "Hannah Montana"—says the final season of the show mirrors Cyrus' real life, down to the backlash against

her. According to Parton, Cyrus' character takes off her blond "Hannah Montana" wig and reveals her true identity as Miley Stewart. Parton says the media were then saying bad things about Miley—"just the same way they're doing now in the real press." Cyrus has recently stirred controversy with two videos, including one that showed the 17-year-old bumping and grinding with "So You Think You Can Dance" judge Adam Shankman. Parton says she asked Cyrus: "Do you feel like we're just living out the show we did? And (Miley) said, 'Yeah, but that's great, because I was at least braced for it.'""Hannah Montana" season four premieres in July.

The ladies lead on final 'Dancing' performances

LOS ANGELES (AP)—The ladies are in the lead at "Dancing With the Stars." Sportscaster Erin Andrews and singer Nicole Scherzinger tied for the top spot on the penultimate episode of the hit ABC dance-off. Fellow finalist Evan Lysacek finished third. The Olympic figure skater collected 52 points out of 60 for his two dances. Andrews and Scherzinger each earned 55 points. Judges' scores are combined with viewer votes to determine who will take home the mirrorball trophy during Tuesday's season finale.

CBS dance series gives big role to Paula Abdul

NEW YORK (AP)—As Simon Cowell leaves the reality-show judge's chair, his old foil, Paula Abdul, is coming back. CBS said Monday that Abdul will be a judge on "Got to Dance," a competition expected to make it on the air sometime next season. She'll also be an executive producer for the series, which is based on a successful competition that airs in Britain. Cowell is leaving "American Idol" after this season, concentrating on

another show he'll import from England. There's no immediate word on when "Got to Dance," which will feature various forms of dancing, will go on the air.

Rip Torn cleared of drunken driving charge

LITCHFIELD, Connecticut (AP)—A judge has dismissed a drunken-driving charge against Rip Torn after the actor completed a court-ordered alcohol education program. Torn was arrested in December 2008 near his home in Salisbury. He was stopped while driving in the breakdown lane with a Christmas tree tied atop his car. Bantam Superior Court Judge Cara Eschuck dismissed the charge Friday because Torn completed a program that gives drunken-driving defendants a chance to clear their records. But another case is pending against the 79-year-old: charges that he broke into a bank in January while intoxicated and armed. He returns to court Tuesday in that case. Torn won an Emmy for "The Larry Sanders Show." Screen credits include the "Men in Black" movies.

'Amityville Horror' home for sale in NY for \$1.15M

AMITYVILLE, New York (AP)—The house made famous in the 1979 film "The Amityville Horror" is up for sale in New York—ghosts not included. The five-bedroom Dutch Colonial went on the market Monday for \$1.15 million. The film is based on the story of the Lutz family's brief stay in the house in 1975 after six members of the DeFeo family were shot and killed as they slept in the home. Eldest son Ronald DeFeo Jr. was convicted of the murders. The crime spawned a book and a series of movies that chronicled various supernatural horrors, including visions of walls oozing slime, moving furniture and a visit from a demonic pig named Jodie. The

original film stars James Brolin and Margot Kidder. Neighbors say gawkers still occasionally come by, mostly on Halloween.

Michaels says he's not 100 percent healthy yet

NEW YORK (AP)—Bret Michaels says he's not 100 percent healthy yet but is looking forward to going back on the road and performing. Despite life-threatening illness, the 47-year-old rocker appeared on the season finale of "The Celebrity Apprentice" on Sunday night and was rewarded with \$250,000 for charity. The Poison frontman's appearance had been in question after he suffered a brain hemorrhage in April and was hospitalized recently after what doctors called a warning stroke. He faces surgery for a hole in his heart. In an appearance Monday on NBC's "Today" show, Michaels says that he's not back "100 percent yet" but that he's going "to do a show and see how it goes." He says "I'm ready to rock and we'll see what happens."

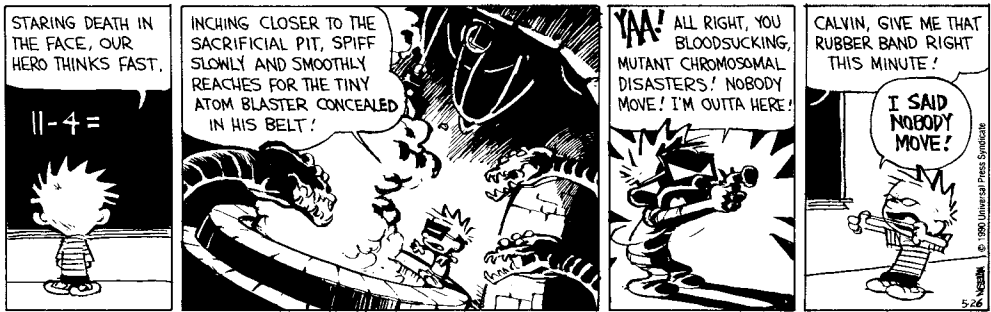
Miss America back on network TV in 3-year ABC deal

LAS VEGAS (AP)—Miss America is getting back to network television in time for her 90th birthday. The beauty pageant has signed a three-year deal with ABC, with plans to air next year's competition live on Jan. 15, pageant officials said. "Sam Haskell, chairman of the Miss America Organization, declined to discuss specifics of the agreement. Miss America has not aired on network television since 2004, when ABC dropped the pageant after record-low ratings. Since then, it has aired on cable, twice on CMT and three times on TLC. This year's pageant—won by Miss Virginia Caressa Cameron—topped cable television excluding movies with 4.5 million viewers the night it aired. That was about 1 million more viewers for the pageant than in 2009.

Pastimes

Calvin and Hobbes

By Bill Waterson



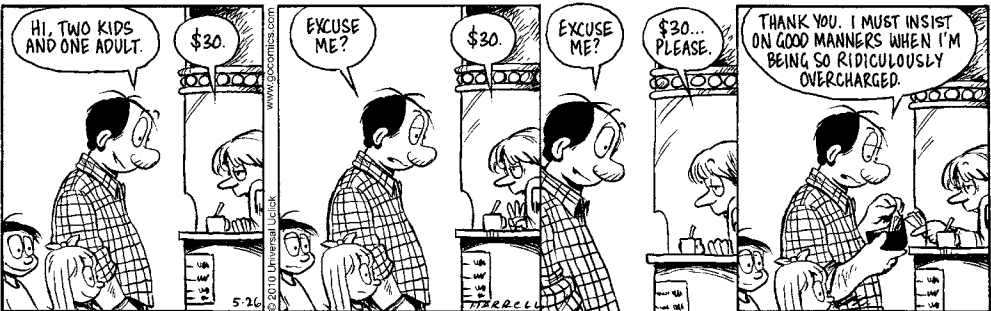
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The Duplex

By Glenn McCoy



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CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Helena Bonham Carter, 44; Lenny Kravitz, 46; Sally Ride, 59; Hank Williams Jr., 61

Happy Birthday: Emotional matters will not be easy to hide. Bring things out into the open. It's time to start living your dream. This is not the year to sit idle. You have to act in your own best interest if you want to obtain the freedom you desire. Your numbers are 4, 10, 12, 25, 28, 37, 40

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Improving your lifestyle may be challenging but, if you begin with self-improvements, everything else will fall into place. Showing how much you care about your friends and family will lead to greater appreciation and needed assistance. ★★★

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Strive for perfection and you will discover that with your success comes greater control and power. Speak from the heart and everyone will relate to what you have to say. A good partnership will add to what you are already offering. ★★★

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Set up interviews or answer ads and you will get a favorable response. Offer your skills and services and don't be afraid to brag about what you have done, want to do and can offer. You will get the backing you need and a chance to develop something you've always wanted to do. ★★★

CANCER (June 21-July 22): A relationship you cherish will grow stronger if you are open about your intentions and how you are going to implement your plans. Get involved in something you believe in and you will

broaden your awareness and make new friends with something to offer in return. ★★★★★

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Stand up for your beliefs and refuse to let anyone blackmail you into something you find distasteful. Someone with a greedy past will take advantage of your generosity. It may be time to cut the strings that tie you together. ★★

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Don't take anyone's word when your future may be affected. Go to the source and find out exactly what's happening so you can take a positive position and benefit the most. A love relationship can turn into more if you have similar goals. ★★★★★

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Put out feelers for people with similar interests and join forces with groups that offer greater knowledge regarding something you want to pursue. What you learn will help you in the future. A positive change is heading in your direction. ★★★★★

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Put time aside to have fun with friends or to take up a hobby or interest that motivates you to instigate positive changes into your life. Travel and romance will not only be intriguing but will also spark a new interest. ★★★★★

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You may feel pressured to make a move or change your personal life to fit your current economic situation. Someone from your past may want to reconnect. Question the motives behind the sudden interest. ★★★★★

SUDOKU

Conceptis Sudoku By Dave Green

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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Saturday.

Saturday's SUDOKU Answer

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Difficulty Level ★★ 5/25

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CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): See what's going on with the people you have lost touch with. You'll be surprised by the response you get and the opportunities that arise. A greater interest in a partnership will lead to stability and security. ★★★★★

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): If someone pushes you emotionally, let your true feelings be known. Honesty may not always be easy but it is likely to be your best bet when dealing with personal matters. Move in a healthier and more secure financial direction. ★★

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Love is in a high cycle and, with a little additional attention, you will make positive alterations, influencing the way you are treated. If someone doesn't approve of what you are doing, it may be time to back away. ★★★★★

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WONDERWORD®

By DAVID OUELLET

HOW TO PLAY: All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally, even backward. Find them and CIRCLE THEIR LETTERS ONLY. DO NOT CIRCLE THE WORD. The leftover letters spell the Wonderword.

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ROLDAN R. VILLALUZ,) FCD DI CIVIL
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) NO. 09-0723
vs.)
)
MARIYN R. AGUIRRE-VILLALUZ,)
Respondent.) SUMMONS

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JOAQUIN TAISACAN : CIVIL ACTION
QUITUGUA, : NO. 96-1249

Plaintiff, :

-v- :

FRANCISCO BLAS IGISAIR :
and EDDY BLAS IGISAIR, :

Defendants. :

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Magic take Celtics to OT and on to Game 5



BOSTON (AP)—Put away the brooms. Hold off on those “Beat L.A!” chants. The Boston Celtics still have some work to do before they can play for their second NBA title in three years.

Dwight Howard had 32 points and 16 rebounds, and Jameer Nelson made back-to-back 3-pointers in overtime to lead the Orlando Magic to a 96-92 victory over Boston on Monday night to avoid a four-game sweep in the Eastern Conference finals.

Dressing in the same locker room where the Philadelphia Flyers celebrated their comeback from a 3-0 deficit against the Boston Bruins in the NHL’s East semifinals, the Magic avoided elimination and sent the series back to Orlando for Game 5 on Wednesday night.

The Bruins also lost Game 4 in overtime.

“We know that we were down 3-0, and we didn’t want to go home (for the season),” Howard said. “It starts with me and Jameer. Me and Jameer showed our leadership by playing hard. We’ve got to be the leaders for this team. It’s not about points, but just showing everybody, ‘Hey, follow us and we’ll lead the way.’”

No NBA team has ever come back from a 3-0 deficit to win a playoff series.

“At some point, somebody is going to come from 3-0 down and win a series. The only thing I knew for sure was it would start by winning Game 4,” Magic coach Stan Van Gundy said. “I figured that one out. You have to win Game 4. ... This was a must-win.”

Paul Pierce had 32 points and 11 rebounds, and Kevin Garnett had 14 points and 12 boards for Boston. Ray Allen hit consecutive 3-pointers in overtime, but Pierce missed two tries in the final minute as the Celtics failed to complete the sweep.

“They don’t want to leave. We’re going to have to throw them out,” said Celtics forward Glen “Big Baby” Davis. “It’s just like somebody renting a house.”

Nelson finished with 23 points and nine assists for the defending Eastern Conference champions, who led by 10 in the second quarter and were up 85-78 with 2:24 left in regulation before Boston scored eight of the next nine points to force overtime at 86-81.

Neither team scored for the first 2:18 of the period before Nelson hit a 3-pointer and then added another 43 seconds later. Allen made a 3-pointer and, after



AP
Orlando Magic center Dwight Howard (12) soars to shoot over Boston Celtics forward Paul Pierce, right, during the second half in Game 4 in the NBA Eastern Conference basketball finals in Boston, Monday, May 24, 2010.

Howard dunked and drew a foul—but missed a free throw—Allen hit another 3 to make it 94-92.

Howard followed up Nelson’s miss with 53 seconds left to make it 96-92, then Garnett sailed a pass over

Pierce’s head and into the crowd. Pierce missed a pair of 3-point attempts in the closing seconds.

“There were a couple of plays down the stretch offensively that we botched, plain and simple. We’re kicking ourselves. We had a great opportunity,” Allen said. “There’s no need to panic. We like the position we’re in. But it’s a lesson: We have to take care of the small things and we’ll get to where we want to be.”

Orlando’s revival came just in time to avoid a Celtics walkover that had fans in the new Boston Garden chanting “Beat L.A!” early in the second half of Saturday night’s 23-point Boston victory. The Lakers lead the Suns 2-1 in the Western Conference finals, with Game 4 on Tuesday night in Phoenix.

But there was no more chanting about the Lakers on Monday night.

“I know they (the Celtics players) heard it. They had no choice but to hear it,” Celtics coach Doc Rivers said. “I don’t know if they believed it. We didn’t play well, I know that. I hope that wasn’t the reason.”

Only four times in the history of the North American major pro sports leagues has a team come back to win a playoff series after losing the first three games. It’s been done three times in the NHL—most recently this month by the Flyers in this building—and once in baseball, when the Boston Red Sox came back to beat the New York Yankees in the 2004 AL championship series.

“You never know what can happen,” Magic guard J.J. Redick said. “We can be like the Red Sox, coming back from 0-3. You never know.”

The Magic’s biggest lead of the series had been a three-point edge in the first quarter of Game 2, but they opened with their highest-scoring quarter of the series on Monday to take a 31-26 lead. They made it 42-32 in the second before Boston cut the deficit to four points at the half.

Orlando led 85-78 on Howard’s three-point play, but Pierce sliced past Howard for a dunk that cut it to five, then Allen hit a 3-pointer to make it 85-83 with 1:41 left. Nelson made one of two free throws, and then Pierce went to the basket and drew a foul, completing the three-point play to make it 86-all with 1:16 left.

But Pierce missed a jumper with a chance to give Boston the lead, Nelson missed for Orlando and Pierce lost his handle on the ball in the final seconds of regulation to send the game into overtime.

better than Mike Brown.”

The Cavaliers were under a deadline to dismiss Brown. If they had waited beyond 10 days after the season, they would have had to pay the 40-year-old coach his salary for next season. Cleveland’s assistant coaches remain under contract for 2010-11.

The team now faces an even more pressing deadline. James can become a free agent on July 1, when he’ll head a free-agent class unlike any other in league history. He will hit the market with fellow superstars Dwyane Wade, Chris Bosh and others, and while the expected bidding wars are weeks away, the speculation and suspense are hanging over the NBA playoffs.

James has said winning will be the most important factor in choosing a team. In building around him, the Cavs have already shown their commitment to giving the 25-year-old James the tools he needs to win multiple titles.

Suns’ Nash has broken nose, says he will be fine

PHOENIX (AP)—Steve Nash has a broken nose but says he doesn’t expect it to be a problem for him in Game 4 of the Western Conference finals.

The Phoenix playmaker sustained the slight fracture in a fourth-quarter collision with Derek Fisher in the Suns’ 118-109 victory over the Los Angeles Lakers on Sunday night.

He spoke briefly with reporters after practice on Monday before leaving to have the nose put back in place by a specialist.

Nash played the fourth quarter of Game 4 of the Western Conference semifinals with his right eye swollen shut after taking an inadvertent elbow from San Antonio’s Tim Duncan.

“I’m lucky. I’ve had a couple bumps or bruises that haven’t affected my play,” Nash said. “Those don’t bother you. It’s the ones that limit you that you hope you don’t have to face.”

He said he had broken his nose “a handful” of times and wasn’t planning to wear any protective gear or Manu Ginobili-style tape job for Tuesday night’s game.

The 36-year-old point guard and two-time league MVP had 17 points and 15 assists on Sunday night with one turnover in 38 minutes. He could be seen on television trying to slide his nose back into place during the game.

“I was trying to move it while it was still fresh,” he said. “I know that once it sets it’s harder.”

Lakers coach Phil Jackson was asked if he thought the injury would affect Nash’s performance.

“This guy’s gone through a lot of stuff the last two or three years in the playoffs. I don’t think it’s going to bother him,” Jackson said. “On second thought, Ginobili, it really curtailed his game. I thought his game really tailed off after the broken nose, so it’s probably an individual thing.”

Nash is Canadian, and he joked after his eye injury that his hockey-loving friends make fun of what a soft sport basketball is.

“I think we would have been surprised if he would have gone out of the game,” Nash’s teammate Grant Hill said. “He’s fine. No Friday the 13th mask, no Rip Hamilton mask, no Ginobili tape. He’ll be ready to go, so it wasn’t that bad.”

Cavaliers fire Mike Brown after 5 seasons

CLEVELAND (AP)—Of the many reasons the Cleveland Cavaliers had for firing coach Mike Brown after five seasons without an NBA title, one mattered most.

They can’t lose LeBron James.

Less than two weeks after their stunning, second-round loss to Boston in the playoffs, the Cavaliers fired Brown on Monday, an expected move that perhaps indicates the team believes it can re-sign James, the two-time MVP and free agent-in-waiting.

Brown was the most successful coach in franchise history. In five seasons, he led the Cavs to the playoffs every year, to the finals in 2007 and to 127 wins in the past two seasons. But Brown failed to win a championship, and after Cleveland’s second straight early exodus from the postseason—a collapse that included two blowout losses at home and dis-

sension in the Cavs’ locker room—and with James about to explore free agency, owner Dan Gilbert decided to make a change.

“After a long and deep analysis of all of the factors that led to the disappointing early ends to our playoff runs over the past two seasons, we concluded that it was time for the Cavaliers to move in a different direction,” Gilbert said in a statement. “The expectations of this organization are very high and, although change always carries an element of risk, there are times when that risk must be taken in an attempt to break through to new, higher levels of accomplishment.”

“This is one of those times.”

The Cavs did not hold a news conference to explain their decision to relieve Brown, who went 314-177 and was the league’s coach of the year in 2009.

Brown was not immediately available for comment. No one answered the door at his home in Westlake, Ohio.

A James family publicist said the superstar is out of town on vacation and would not be available to comment on Brown’s dismissal.

Boston’s Doc Rivers and Orlando’s Stan Van Gundy, the coaches who knocked Brown and the Cavs from the playoffs the past two years, expressed disappointment in Cleveland’s decision.

“Obviously, I was not thrilled to see it,” Rivers said before Game 4 in Boston. “I wonder what you have to do to keep your job—back-to-back 60-win seasons. Our profession is tough.”

Said Van Gundy: “Franchises have the right to make any decisions they want. You can’t do a hell of a lot better. There’s not a coach in the league that has done

Buchholz, Red Sox cool off Rays with 6-1 win



ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. (AP)—

Kevin Youkilis and David Ortiz homered to back the strong pitching of Clay Buchholz and lead the resurgent Boston Red Sox to a 6-1 victory over the Tampa Bay Rays on Monday night.

The Red Sox beat baseball's top team for the first time in five tries, climbing a season-best four games over .500 (25-21) with their third straight win on a difficult road trip that began in Philadelphia.

Buchholz (6-3) won his eighth consecutive road start dating to last August, the longest such streak by a Red Sox pitcher since Roger Clemens won nine in a row from July 18, 1992 to April 20, 1993.

The right-hander allowed one run—Carlos Pena's eighth homer—and six hits over six innings. Hideki Okajima and Daniel Bard didn't allow any baserunners the rest of the way.

Ortiz homered for the fifth time in his last nine games, hitting a solo shot off Wade Davis (4-4) in the second inning. Davis walked in a run and yielded RBI singles to Adrian Beltre and Jeremy Hermida during a three-run third that put the Red Sox up 4-0.

Youkilis, who is batting .400 (12 for 30) with five homers and 12 RBIs over his last nine games, made it 6-0 with a two-run shot off reliever Lance Cormier in the fourth.

Boston's Dustin Pedroia had three hits after beginning the night in an 0-for-19 slide. Beltre also finished with three hits for the Red Sox, who began their six-game trip by winning two of three against the NL champion Phillies.

At 32-13, the Rays are off to the best start in the major leagues since 2001, in part because of a 19-5 road record that includes a four-game sweep of the Red Sox at Fenway Park in April. The six-game lead they carried into Monday was the largest they've ever held in the AL East.

Buchholz, who's won five of his last



Boston Red Sox pitcher Clay Buchholz delivers a first inning pitch to the Tampa Bay Rays during a baseball game Monday, May 24, 2010 in St. Petersburg, Fla. AP

six starts, walked one and struck out eight. But it wasn't an easy outing.

The Red Sox starter escaped a bases-loaded jam when John Jaso grounded into an inning-ending double play in the first inning. He wiggled out of another tight situation by striking out Reid Brignac and Jason Bartlett to strand two more runners in scoring position in the second.

Pena homered with two outs in

the fourth.

Boston's Victor Martinez left in the third inning. Bartlett fouled a pitch off the catcher's left big toe in the second, and Martinez had trouble walking—much less running—after drawing a walk in the third.

Blue Jays 6, Angels 0

In Anaheim, Brett Cecil held the Angels scoreless into the eighth inning, steering

Toronto past Los Angeles.

Cecil (4-2) has won consecutive starts since allowing eight runs in two innings May 14 at Texas. The Angels' only hits against him were a two-out single by No. 9 batter Kevin Frandsen in the third inning and a one-out single by Hideki Matsui in the eighth.

Cecil walked his next batter and was removed after 110 pitches.

Adam Lind drove in a pair of runs

for the Blue Jays.

The Angels managed only two baserunners during the first seven innings and became the last team in the majors to be shut out.

Los Angeles starter Joe Saunders (3-6) was charged with three runs and five walks over 6 1-3 innings.

White Sox 7, Indians 2

In Cleveland, Mark Teahen drove in three runs as Chicago snapped a five-game losing skid to Cleveland.

Teahen hit a two-run double in Chicago's four-run first inning off Justin Masterson (0-5), who lost his 11th straight decision.

White Sox starter John Danks (4-3) got his first win in five starts, allowing two runs in five innings.

Alex Rios hit his ninth homer for the White Sox.

Chicago's Omar Vizquel got his 2,764th career hit, tying Hall of Famer Luis Aparicio, his boyhood idol, for the second-most by a shortstop behind Yankees star Derek Jeter.

Reds 7, Pirates 5

In Cincinnati, Drew Stubbs had three hits, and right-hander Aaron Harang singled home a run and ran home another during Cincinnati's five-run fourth inning, leading the Reds to a victory over the Pittsburgh Pirates.

Harang (3-5) singled for a 3-2 lead, then barely scored from first on Orlando Cabrera's double. He allowed four runs in 6 1-3 innings, including Ronny Cedeno's two-run homer. Stubbs added an RBI double and a solo homer.

Left-hander Brian Burres (2-2) walked the first two batters in the fourth to start the pivotal rally, which turned on Harang's two-out hit and his all-out dash.

Left-hander Arthur Rhodes pitched the eighth, extending his scoreless-innings streak to 16 1-3 innings. Francisco Cordero gave up a double in the ninth while earning his 15th save in 18 tries.

Federer's debut as champ goes well; Serena wins



PARIS (AP)—The French-speaking voice booming through loudspeakers at Court Philippe Chatrier recited Roger Federer's bona fides during prematch introductions, detailing his six titles at Wimbledon, five at the U.S. Open, four at the Australian Open and then, reaching a crescendo, concluded this way:

"One at Roland Garros, here, last year!"

Federer smiled. Fans roared, many rising to applaud. Playing at the French Open as defending champion for the first time, Federer gave 'em plenty to cheer about Monday, dipping into his considerable repertoire of shotmaking in a 6-4, 6-1, 6-2 victory over 71st-ranked Peter Luczak of Australia.

With the end result far from in doubt, Federer turned the outing into a glorified practice session. He closed one extended exchange by slicing a backhand with so much spin that, after landing, the ball darted back toward the net, away from Luczak. Federer acknowledged the cheers by raising an index finger, lest somebody forget he's No. 1.

"If it was anyone else, I'd be getting

pretty angry," said Luczak, whose career mark in Grand Slam matches fell to 5-14. "He just had me on a string and just (was) toying with me at the end. I think he was enjoying it."

Federer made only 11 unforced errors, won 50 of 64 points on his serve and faced one break point, which he saved.

"I was pretty relaxed," said Federer, who can tie Pete Sampras' record of 286 total weeks at No. 1 in the rankings June 7. "It was like a perfect match to get off the French Open campaign, really."

Other top players—even those who also won—were less pleased with their performances on Day 2, when a searing sun carried the temperature into the 80s and made the most grueling of tennis' surfaces even more of a test of fitness.

The No. 1-ranked woman, Serena Williams, for example, found little to smile about after following Federer into the main stadium and beating Stefanie Voegele of Switzerland 7-6 (2), 6-2.

"I definitely didn't feel good about it," said Williams, who counts the 2002 French Open among her 12 major championships. "At least I won. I think I'm still in the tournament; that's

what matters."

She compiled 10 aces, converted 3 of 3 break points and accumulated a 28-13 edge in winners. Asked what pleased her about the way she played, Williams replied: "Across the board, nothing, really, just to be honest."

It was not the sort of afternoon for long outings, but some players just can't seem to help themselves, such as No. 4 Andy Murray and former top-10 player Richard Gasquet of France. Gasquet started well, but Murray finished well and won 4-6, 6-7 (5), 6-4, 6-2, 6-1.

Murray also lost the first two sets before beating Gasquet in five at Wimbledon in 2008.

Murray's body language was about as bad as his play in the early going, and he pounded a fist into his forehead after blowing one backhand slice attempt in the third set. Yet it was Gasquet, who missed last year's French Open after testing positive for cocaine, that faded. So Murray—a 2009 quarterfinalist at Roland Garros, twice the runner-up at other major tournaments, and Britain's best hope for its first male Grand Slam champion since the 1930s—still will be around in the second round.

"He's always fighting, fighting, putting all the balls in the court," Gasquet said. "Even if he's not playing so good, he's very tough to beat."

Two seeded Spaniards lost, No. 21 Tommy Robredo and No. 27 Feliciano Lopez, while Monday's winners included No. 3 Novak Djokovic, No. 12 Fernando Gonzalez, No. 13 Gael Monfils, No. 14 Ivan Ljubicic, No. 19 Nicolas Almagro, No. 25 Marcos Baghdatis, and three U.S. men: No. 17 John Isner, Taylor Dent and Mardy Fish.

The 29-year-old Dent never before had won a French Open match and remarked with a wide smile: "Better late than never, right?"

He pointed out that the hot and dry weather has transformed the clay, making the surface "really quick. It's almost like a hard court out there."

One figure that should bode well for him and the 6-foot-9 Isner, as well as two other big-serving Americans, Andy Roddick and Sam Querrey, who are on Tuesday's schedule. Remember: No U.S. man has reached the French Open quarterfinals since Andre Agassi in 2003.

"If it's fast, it's ideal for the Americans, more so than any other type of

players out here," Dent said. "We always have that label, like, 'Oh, you're American. First round. See you later.' So I think we get a lot of pride from winning matches here."

There were zero notable upsets among the women, and Williams will be joined in the second round by No. 3 Caroline Wozniacki, No. 4 Jelena Jankovic, No. 5 Elena Dementieva, No. 7 Sam Stosur, No. 8 Agnieszka Radwanska, No. 11 Li Na, No. 17 Francesca Schiavone and No. 24 Lucie Safarova.

Ana Ivanovic, the 2008 French Open champion and former No. 1 now ranked 42nd, won her opener, but Melanie Oudin, the teenager from Marietta, Ga., who made surprising runs at last year's Wimbledon and U.S. Open, lost to Anabel Medina Garrigues of Spain 7-5, 6-2.

Oudin lost in qualifying at Roland Garros a year ago, but her ranking of 37th now allows her direct entry into tournaments—meaning she keeps gaining experience at tennis' top levels.

"I'm definitely used to it a lot more because I've been in this environment more now than I was before," Oudin said. "I still love playing, and I think that's the important thing—that I'm enjoying it, looking forward to going to new places that I get to go this year."

AQUA

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Resort to sue for time, but instead it was PIC which called for a break and that was all the former needed to regroup.

When the game resumed, Darwin Barbo threw an air-ball, while Aqua Resort scored six points in a span of one minute to restore order on the team.

Jessie Mina, who had to sit on the bench midway in the fourth due to foul trouble, returned in the last two minutes of the match, made a baseline bucket and then hit another one after Gapor’s layup, giving Aqua Resort a 69-63 lead,

with less than a minute left on the clock.

PIC scored only two points on Won Joo Jung and Barbo’s split after threatening Aqua Resort. Rex Yabut also split his charities, as PIC still fell behind, 64-69, with 40 seconds remaining in the game.

Mina then logged his sixth point in the last two minutes of the match after canning two pressure-packed free throws, upping Aqua Resort’s lead to seven, 71-64.

Successive misses from the 3-point area and Aqua Resort’s quick ball movement in the closing seconds of the match foiled PIC’s bid for a series sweep.

When PIC tied the match at 51-all, entering the final canto,

it seemed Aqua Resort was headed for another collapse. However, Mina and company showed poise in the end, while PIC committed several passing errors, hurting the team’s chance to pull off another come-from-behind win.

PIC stole Game 1 despite trailing by as much as 13 points in the first half with James Abuy, Yabut, and Jung piling up points in the second half. However, in Game 2, Aqua Resort managed to neutralize Abuy, who missed a couple of treys in the first half and finished with only 17 points, 12 marker short of his Game 1 production.

Aqua Resort’s big men also did a good job on Yabut, who

had only 10 markers, 12 points behind of his Game 1 output. Jung, who tallied two triples and scored 17 in Game 1, was held to nine, making no more than one field goal in each of the four quarters.

Barbo paced PIC with 22 markers, but he had to work very hard to earn his points, as Aqua Resort threw different defenders to shadow him. There was one instance that point guard Jaymar Torres defended Barbo outside with PIC failing to recognize the mismatch. Instead of posing up, Barbo was outside trying to elude Torres and when the former did, Mina and company where there for help defense.

On offense, Aqua Resort

drew a big contribution from Torres, who had 11 points, seven more from his Game 1 total. Mina led Aqua Resort with 16 and Pedro Lizama chipped in 11. Glenn Aquino, who was off in Aqua Resort’s second half collapse, made nine, drilling six in the payoff canto.

Lizama posted seven in the first, giving Aqua Resort a 22-11 lead. PIC played catch up from thereon, but could not complete the comeback, as it committed too many passing errors.

The last one could have tied the game at 63-all, when Lizama muffed a drive against Heartim Williams. Williams fell on the floor after colliding with Lizama and referees made no calls. Yabut then picked up the

loose ball and was headed for a fastbreak play. However, his pass to Barbo near midcourt was intercepted by Mina, who then barreled his way to the basket, giving Aqua Resort cushion, 65-61.

PIC failed to make a single field goal in the last two minutes, allowing Aqua Resort to keep the lead and equalize the series.

Aqua Resort Club 71 – Mina 16, Torres 11, Lizama 11, Aquino 9, Gapor 9, Johanes 6, Mc. Achas 6, Acosta 3.

PIC 65 – D. Barbo 22, Abuy 17, Yabut 10, Jung 9, Williams 3, Sublemente 2, K. Barbo 2.

Scoring by quarters: 22-11, 35-32, 51-51, 71-65.

FALCONS

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thon Wilson who led off with a single and previously made his way to third.

In the third, the Falcons’ solid pitching from star pitcher Josh Jones was matched with the stingy defense of Ol’Aces.

Jones struck out four batters in the third after Ol’Aces’ Mike Iguel, reached off a dropped third strike with two outs.

In the bottom half, Ol’Aces’

Juan Iguel kept his pitches low and forced the Falcons to go 1-2-3 with three groundouts.

Then after Ol’Aces went 1-2-3 in the fourth, the Falcons took a one-run lead when Chris Myers knocked in Wilson who reached off an error with one out.

But in the top of the fifth, Ol’Aces came right back and knotted the score again with an RBI single by Noki Saralu that brought home Juan Iguel, who drew a one-out walk and stole second.

Ol’Aces forced the Fal-

cons to go 1-2-3 in the bottom half, but in the top of the sixth, Ol’Aces managed to load up the bases, but Jones bit down on the mound and left them all stranded.

Jones struck out the first two batters, but then gave up two singles and a walk before he closed the inning with yet another strikeout.

In the bottom of the sixth with the game still even at 2-2, the Falcons scored two big runs and were only three outs from eliminating the favored Ol’Aces.

With one out, Ton Rogolofoi reached with a big infield hit up the middle and Nick Cruz got hit by a pitch.

Both runners scored off wild pitches and the Falcons could almost taste victory.

In the top of the seventh, the Falcons retired the first two batters, but then Jimmy Brel reached off an error and went to second off a passed ball.

Aughenbaugh kept Ol’Aces’ hopes alive with an RBI single that brought in Brel.

After the at-bat, Jones exceed-

ed his pitch limit and Chris Myers was called to the mound to close the last out for the Falcons.

His first batter, Vince Cepeda, hit a clean single and Ol’Aces now had runners on the corners with two outs. But today, the ball bounced the Falcons’ way and Myers maintained his composure and struck out the next

batter for the upset victory.

Notables of the game included Falcons pitcher Josh Jones who pitched 6 and 2/3 innings and allowed one earned run with 13 strikeouts, seven hits, and three walks. Ton Rogolofoi batted 2-for-3 with a run and Jonathon Wilson batted 1-for-3 with two runs.

HEO

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Tennis Championships.

Arriola, who is on summer break from the University of Hawaii-Manoa, had earlier notched the women’s open doubles crown, teaming up with mother, Sadako. The Arriolas defeated the pairs of Theecel Minor and Cleofe Santos and Jodel Fernandez and Lydia Tan in the round-robin event played over the weekend on the Pacific Islands Club hard court.

Last Sunday afternoon, Arriola returned to PIC with another doubles crown in mind, but Heo and Minor came out strong in the second set to foil the former CNMI junior player’s bid. Race and Arriola enjoyed the

early lead in the match, as Minor struggled with her service in the first set. However, Heo and Minor found their bearings the second set and shut out Race and Arriola.

Heo and Minor advanced to the finals after sweeping Christian Miller and Mikayla Lopez in the semis, 6-0, 6-1. Race and Arriola took the other finals berth, following a 6-3, 6-2 triumph over Peter Loyola and Lydian Tan.

Other doubles winners in the first week of the tournament were the tandems of Bobby Cruz and Dong Lacbayo, Matthew Lopez and Jake Lee, and Flor Jones and Merle Hudkins.

Cruz and Lacbayo won the men’s 4.0 doubles after slipping past Dong Min Lee and Eli Buenaventura in the finals, 6-3, 6-0.

Lacbayo and Cruz marched to the finals after a 6-2, 6-3 victory over Miller and Rafael Jones in the semis, while Lee and Buenaventura prevailed in the other semis game against Gary Ramsey and Daniel Park, 6-2, 6-0.

In the men’s 3.0 finals, Jake Lee and Matthew Lopez survived Ryan Cho and Rick Presinede in three sets, 6-0, 5-7, 6-2. Lee and Lopez defeated the father and son tandem of Tim and Steven Goodwin, 6-2, 6-3, to gain a finals seat, while Cho and Presinede won the second finals berth against the team of Angelo Jones and Clay McCullough-Stearns, 7-5, 6-4.

In the women’s 2.0/3.0 doubles, which had a round-robin format, Hudkins and Flor Jones topped Mimi Castro and Tammy Ackerman, 6-2, 6-2,

and then beat Fish Wang and Lin Liang, 6-4, 6-3, to notch the championship.

Besides the adults doubles, the first week of the DFS tennis tournament had also competitions in junior singles.

Joining Thea Minor, Chris Cajigan, Mikayla Lopez, and Christian Miller in the winners’ circle were Quintin Ramsey and Carol Lee.

Quintin recovered from an opening set loss to defeat Morris Villanueva in the boys U12 finals, 4-6, 6-0, 6-1. In the girls U12 title game, Carol Lee swept Emily Jones, 6-4, 6-3.

Action in the Northern Mariana Islands Tennis Association-organized tournament will continue this weekend with the staging of the adults singles and juniors doubles events.

GREEN

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playoffs, downed Team IDK, 64-59, in the first game. In the second match of the night, Bon-Faiyah, which also drew a bye in the first round of the playoffs after placing second in the regular season, topped Team Solid, 57-47.

With their separate wins, Bon-Faiyah and Green Team will dispute the first finals seat on Friday. Team IDK and Team Solid, which won their first playoff game against the Lady Eagles and Basket Case, respectively, dropped to the loser’s bracket and must win their separate matches tonight to stay in contention. The Lady Eagles will square off with Team Solid in the second match at 8pm, while Team IDK will meet Basket Case in the first game at 6:30pm.

Green Team drew a big game from Andrea Engelhardt in its first playoff assignment to foil Team IDK’s bid for back-to-back wins. Engelhardt scored 24 points, spreading her points in all four quarters.

Melody Matson and Christina Engelhardt added 11 apiece, while Emily Matson chipped in 10. Emily drilled eight of his total points in the fourth quarter, helping Green Team protect its lead in the payoff canto.

Green Team held by a hair at the end of the third period, 45-44, and remained on top behind Emily and Andrea’s combined points. Cristina chipped in three, while Melody added two in the fourth period.

Roxanne Duenas fired nine of her 26 markers in the fourth, but three of her teammates made only one field goal apiece.

In the second game Bon-

Faiyah leaned on its balance offense to edge Team Solid.

Bon-Faiyah had four players scoring in double figures with Yvonne Bennett leading the way with her 15 points. Connie Camacho and Dion Diaz had 14 each, while Jeneque Benavente logged 12.

After falling behind at the break, 33-39, Bon-Faiyah outgunned Team Solid in the third, 22-11, to grab the lead. Benavente had six points in that rally, while Bennett and Camacho tallied four each.

Amy Sletten scored nine of Team Solid’s 11 points in the third, while Marie Javier chipped in two. It had been a Sletten show for Team Solid, as the team’s main gunner exploded for 37 points. The rest of his teammates scored no more than three markers.

In contrast, Bon-Faiyah drew

support from four of its starting five, allowing the team to recover in the second half and advance to the semifinals against the unbeaten Green Team.

First Game

Green Team 64 – A. Engelhardt 24, M. Matson 11, C. Engelhardt 11, E. Matson 10, Mobil 4, Tacliad 4.

Team IDK 59 – Duenas 26, Guzman 11, Mendoza 10, Faisao 2.


Scoring by quarters: 19-19, 28-33, 45-44, 64-59.

Second Game

Bon-Faiyah 57 – Bennett 15, Camacho 14, Diaz 14, Benavente 12, Mettao 2.

Team Solid 47 – Sletten 37, Pagarao 3, Gabaldon 3, Hofschneider 2, Javier 2.

Scoring by quarters: 8-7, 17-21, 39-33, 57-47.



TRIBUNE SPORTS SCORES

MLB STANDINGS

American League

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Tampa Bay	32	13	.711	—
New York	26	18	.591	5 1/2
Toronto	27	20	.574	6
Boston	25	21	.543	7 1/2
Baltimore	14	31	.311	18

Central Division

Minnesota	26	18	.591	—
Detroit	25	19	.568	1
Chicago	19	25	.432	7
Kansas City	18	27	.400	8 1/2
Cleveland	16	27	.372	9 1/2

West Division

Texas	25	20	.556	—
Oakland	23	22	.511	2
Los Angeles	21	26	.447	5
Seattle	16	28	.364	8 1/2

National League

East Division

Philadelphia	26	17	.605	—
Atlanta	23	21	.523	3 1/2
Florida	23	22	.511	4
Washington	23	22	.511	4
New York	22	23	.489	5

Central Division

Cincinnati	26	19	.578	—
St. Louis	26	19	.578	—
Chicago	21	24	.467	5
Pittsburgh	19	26	.422	7
Milwaukee	17	27	.386	8 1/2
Houston	15	29	.341	10 1/2

West Division

San Diego	26	18	.591	—
Los Angeles	25	19	.568	1
San Francisco	22	21	.512	3 1/2
Colorado	22	22	.500	4
Arizona	20	25	.444	6 1/2

Yesterday's Games

Cincinnati 7, Pittsburgh 5

Chicago White Sox 7, Cleveland 2

Boston 6, Tampa Bay 1

Toronto 6, L.A. Angels 0

NBA LEADERS

Scoring

	G	FG	FT	PTS	AVG
Wade, MIA	5	62	27	166	33.2
Anthony, DEN	6	64	50	184	30.7
James, CLE	11	106	88	320	29.1
Bryant, LAL	13	129	87	366	28.2
Rose, CHI	5	57	18	134	26.8
Nowitzki, DAL	6	58	40	160	26.7
Durant, OKC	6	43	54	150	25.0
Williams, UTA	10	67	89	243	24.3
Stoudemire, PHX	13	103	82	288	22.2
Richardson, PHX	13	100	36	280	21.5
Gasol, LAL	13	107	61	275	21.2
Westbrook, OKC	6	43	32	123	20.5
Billups, DEN	6	37	37	122	20.3
Boozer, UTA	10	89	19	197	19.7
Butler, DAL	6	43	25	118	19.7

FG Percentage

Thomas, CHA	15	24	.625
Howard, ORL	55	92	.598
Gasol, LAL	107	179	.598
Bynum, LAL	52	88	.591
Millsap, UTA	70	122	.574
Wade, MIA	62	110	.564
Nowitzki, DAL	58	106	.547
Stoudemire, PHX	103	193	.534
Boozer, UTA	89	168	.530
Noah, CHI	28	53	.528

Rebounds

Boozer, UTA	10	33	99	132	13.2
Noah, CHI	5	20	45	65	13.0
Gasol, LAL	13	48	105	153	11.8
Howard, ORL	11	28	89	117	10.6
Camby, POR	6	16	44	60	10.0
Duncan, SAN	10	30	69	99	9.9
James, CLE	11	15	87	102	9.3
Horford, ATL	11	28	71	99	9.0
Odum, LAL	13	36	81	117	9.0
Wallace, CHA	4	2	34	36	9.0

Assists

Rondo, BOS	14	150	10.7
Nash, PHX	13	133	10.2
Williams, UTA	10	102	10.2
James, CLE	11	84	7.6
Rose, CHI	5	36	7.2
Kidd, DAL	6	42	7.0
Wade, MIA	5	34	6.8
Billups, DEN	6	38	6.3
Westbrook, OKC	6	36	6.0
Bryant, LAL	13	78	6.0

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LOCAL SCORES

BUDWEISER SOFTBALL STANDINGS (FINAL)

Island Rebels	18	2
Natibu	18	2
Man Amigos	17	3
SaiPal	16	4
Chura	14	6
Ur Balls	14	6
Hitz	13	7
X-Terminators	12	8
San Roque	12	8
Calikano-Falcons	11	9
Freedom Air Flyers	10	10
6-Pack	10	10
Berdax	10	10
Go For Broke	8	12
Blazers	7	13
Red Eye	4	16
G-Ballers	6	14
Lancheros	3	17
Ramblers	3	17
Team Familia	3	17
Team Fuego	1	19

San Roque wins first playoff game

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San Roque survived its first playoff assignment in Chamolinian Softball Association's 2009 Budweiser Slow-pitch Softball League after beating Advance X-Terminators, 11-7, on Monday night at the Capital Hill Ballfield.

A six-run bottom of the sixth inning saved the day for San Roque, which struggled in the first five innings allowing Advance to seize the lead after five and half innings, 7-5.

Advance was behind by only one run, 5-4, when Poland Masaharu, Ron Benavente, and Sonny Sablan scored at the top of the sixth to grab the lead.

However, San Roque answered with six runs at the bottom of the sixth and then allowed Advance to reach only second base at the top of the last inning to steal the win in the first round of the

double-elimination playoffs.

Hitz 20, Calikano 19

In the first playoff match of the night, Hitz edged Calikano 20-19.

Calikano, which took the last playoff seat after a 13-3 win over Freedom Air on Friday, was on target in the first four innings to take early control of the match before Hitz rallied in the fifth inning.

After four, Calikano was ahead, 12-6, but a 10-run top of the fifth put Hitz in the lead, 16-12. Calikano answered with seven runs at the bottom of the fifth, to regain the upper hand, 19-16, but could not hang in there as Hitz shut them out in the last two innings. Hitz fired four more runs at the top of the seventh to retake the lead and kept it when Calikano was done after five fruitless stints at bat at the bottom of the last inning.

Hitz, Calikano, San Roque, and Advance are four of the 10 teams that

made it to the playoffs.

Joining them are pennant champion Natibu, Island Rebels, Man Amigos, SaiPal, Chura, and Ur Balls. Natibu notched the pennant after pulling off a thrilling 19-18 win over Island Rebels during a playoff game last Friday.

Ken Kalen blasted a two-run homer in the extra inning to lift Natibu to a close win.

Kalen's game winning hit came at the bottom of the eighth inning after a one-run single from Toi Celis drove Marvin Palacios home and allowed Island Rebels to take an 18-17 lead. At the bottom of the last inning, Eric Lizama led off and singled. Kalen was next at bat and connected on a homer, driving Lizama for the game-winning home. Kalen went 3-for-5 at bat and was without an RBI in the first seven innings, before making the crucial hit in the extra inning.

Natibu and Island Rebels battled the pennant in a playoff game after finish-



ing the regular season with identical 18-2 records.

Ramblers 21, Team Familia 17

The 11 teams that failed to advance to the next round started their own playoffs with Ramblers downing Team Familia, 21-17.

Ramblers and company will play in a single-elimination playoffs to determine the champion team of the lower half of the 21-squad field.

Ramblers scored six runs each in the first and second inning en route to a four-run win over Team Familia.

Kyle Kaipat, seen here throwing to first base in a local tournament early this year, scored two runs and went 2-for-4 at bat in Hitz 20-19 win over Calikano during the start of the playoffs in the Chamolinian softball league on Monday night at the Capital Hill Ballfield.

ROSELYN B. MONROYO

The softer side of Gorilla Warfare MMA



Standing along the aisles of Boardline Surf & Skate Shop at the Joeten Hafa Adai Center in Garapan, Gorilla Warfare MMA official ring girls—Diana Jean Castro and Marilyn Cruz—were having fun modeling the hip clothes and accessories of the popular store.

With their good-natured smiles and down to earth personalities, Castro and Cruz breezed through the photo shoot as local beauties who have a knack for adventure.

This Memorial Weekend, Castro and Cruz will be at Gorilla Warfare MMA's Into the Jungle, presented by Budlight, IT&E and Tinian Dynasty Hotel and Casino, for the first amateur bout to be held on Tinian in a long time.

Tickets now on sale at Boardline and Tinian Dynasty Hotel and Casino for \$20 advance and \$25 at the door per person for general seating and \$30 for VIP.

"I am so excited! I'm looking forward to meeting and working with new people," said Castro, an 18-year-old high school senior at Kagman High School.

Cruz, also a senior at Kagman High School, agrees, saying, "I am also looking forward to meeting new people and being more familiar with MMA."

Castro dreams of becoming a nurse one day and to continue to pursue her career in modeling. She recently won the Marianas Bikini Open contest, which benefited a local non-profit group, Mariana Islands Nature Alliance.

"I believe our local girls have the ability and talent to become professional models and from what I observed is that local girls have tremendous potential to let their inner beauty shine,"

smiled Castro.

Cruz, who aims to own her own business one day and to be "role model of success," is exploring her future options.

"I even want to try different things in life and gain more experience. Like MMA for example, it sounds tough, but I really wouldn't mind trying it out for myself," said Cruz.

"Being in the spotlight with my friend Diana competing for the Marianas Bikini Open title was one of my

unforgettable moments. I never thought I'd be 1st runner up. To me, the competition was for the fun of trying new things, it never really matters who wins or loses. I know we all won a great experience," she said.

"We, as island girls, do have so much potential. I'm sure there are a lot of confident and outgoing girls here in the CNMI that set modeling as their goal," she added.

As the official rings girls of Gorilla Warfare MMA, Castro and Cruz will be helping promote one of the world's fastest growing sport and to have a little fun along the way as models.

Castro and Cruz will be featuring the latest outfits from Boardline, including the sporty Vans shoes, as well as customized wear from Konflikt MMA Clothing on Tinian for the official weigh-ins this Friday and the fight event on Saturday.

Special thanks to Star Marianas Air, Boardline Surf & Skate Shop, Spot On Bar, The Set, Konflikt MMA Clothing, OTM Fight Shop, Infinix Designs, the 17th Tinian Legislature Delegation, and the Tinian Mayor's Office.

For more information, please email gorillawarfaremma@gmail.com or call TDHC at 328-2233. (*Gorilla Warfare*)



JOJO ALEPUYO
Gorilla Warfare MMA official ring girls Diana Jean Castro, right, and Marilyn Cruz recently model the latest Tap Out outfits from Boardline Surf & Skate Shop in Garapan. Castro and Cruz will be at Gorilla Warfare's Into the Jungle this Saturday on Tinian.

Star Marianas Air, Tinian Dynasty team up for deals

For the first time, Star Marianas Air and Tinian Dynasty Hotel and Casino are teaming up to offer the best flight and room packages deal for this Memorial Weekend's "Gorilla Warfare Into the Jungle" amateur fight event.

Just by purchasing a ticket to the Gorilla Warfare Into the Jungle fight, fans have access to event ticket, roundtrip airfare and room packages that start from \$80 to \$45.

The \$80 per person is a package of event ticket, roundtrip airfare, and one night stay (double or triple occupancy) at the Tinian Dynasty Hotel and Casino. This package may only be purchased as a two-person minimum deal.

The \$60 per person cost will cover

the roundtrip airfare and entry ticket to the main event, while \$45 will buy one roundtrip airfare from Saipan. To receive this special discount on the airfare, travelers must produce their GWMMA ticket to the Star Marianas Air staff at the Saipan commuter terminal.

"What is great about the package deal is that it makes it affordable for fight fans to travel together and enjoy a weekend on Tinian," said Gorilla Warfare promoter Mark Sablan. "We encourage everyone to take advantage of these deals as they will only be offered this weekend only."

Star Marianas Air will start flying package holders from Saipan to Tinian on Friday, May 28, from 2pm to 5pm

and on Saturday, May 29, from 12pm to 5pm. The return flights from Tinian to Saipan will be on Saturday, May 29, from 11pm to 1am and Sunday, from 12pm to 4pm.

Gorilla Warfare tickets and package deals could be purchased at Boardline Surf & Skate Shop at the Joeten Hafa Adai Center in Garapan.

Tinian Dynasty Hotel & Casino has also started registration for its Texas Hold 'Em Tournament that will start right after the fight at \$50 buy-in and \$5 entry fee for a chance to win up to \$2,000 and more.

For more information or registration for the tournament, please call TDHC at 328-2233. (*Gorilla Warfare*)

MISO gives kudos to supporters

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The Marianas Interscholastic Sports Organization recently gave kudos to all the organizations and government agencies that made the 2009-2010 school year for interscholastic athletics a success.

MISO first gave thanks to the Public School System and Federal Programs personnel and then tipped its hat to the Basketball Association of the Northern Mariana Islands, Saipan Outrigger Canoe Club, Northern Mariana Islands Volleyball Association, and Northern Mariana Islands Football Association.

"We hope to continue working together in the future to expand our league's size and level of play. Without the support of the PSS, the community, the numerous federations, and the coaches and officials, the CNMI's youth would not have this wonderful opportunity to com-

pete and practice positive, healthy life choices. Thank you very much to the following for their continued support of interscholastic athletics!" said MISO in a statement.

The upcoming 2010-2011 school year MISO athletics schedule is timed to begin with pre-season activities in September and competition proceeding from October through November for the following sports: Girls junior varsity basketball (grades 9-10); girls varsity basketball (grades 9-12); boys junior varsity volleyball (grades 9-10); boys varsity volleyball (grades 9-12); boys junior varsity volleyball; boys varsity baseball; boys and girls varsity cross-country; boys and girls junior varsity cross country; girls junior varsity soccer; and girls junior varsity softball.

Sports with December pre-seasons and competition proceeding from January through February, meanwhile, in-

clude the following: Boys junior varsity basketball (grades 9-10); girls junior varsity basketball (grades 9-10); boys varsity basketball (grades 9-12); girls varsity volleyball (grades 9-12); girls junior varsity volleyball (grades 9-10); girls varsity soccer; boys junior varsity soccer; and boys junior varsity softball.

Lastly, sports with March pre-seasons and competition proceeding from April through May include: Girls varsity fast-pitch softball; boys varsity soccer; boys and girls varsity track and field; boys and girls junior varsity track and field; boys and girls varsity outrigger canoe; girls junior varsity softball; boys junior varsity basketball; and boys and girls varsity golf.

For questions regarding MISO's athletic calendar or to make donations to support this worthy cause, contact Nick Gross via email at nickgross07@gmail.com or Glenn Smith at tenaday@yahoo.com.



Two teams in the MISO canoe race competition near the finish line during last month's event in the waters off Killi Park.

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**Magic take
Celtics to OT
and on to
Game 5**
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Aqua Resort stays alive Forces do-or-die game tonight

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Save the championship trophy for tonight's rubber match.

Aqua Resort Club forced a deciding Game 3 in their title series in the 2nd Annual Shirley's Coffee Shop Invitational Basketball League against Pacific Islands Club after eking out a 71-65 win in Game 2 on Monday night at the JP Center Basketball Court.

After PIC won the series opener on Saturday, 87-84, organizers brought the championship trophy on Monday night, as another PIC victory could have

wrapped up the short series. However, Aqua Resort lived for another day, withstanding PIC's repeated comeback bids in Game 2.

The do-or-die Game 3 will be played at 7pm tonight with Aqua Resort having a slight psychological advantage after winning Game 2.

Like in Game 1, Aqua Resort's guns were smoking at the start of Game 2 with the Achugao-based team leading by as much as 15 in the first period, 20-5. However, each time Aqua Resort attempted to pull away, PIC always found a way to close in.

The last time was in the fourth quarter when PIC trimmed a nine-point lead to two, 61-63, with 2:43 left on the clock.

With the game on the line, spectators were expecting Aqua

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Aqua Resort Club's Jessie Mina, center, eludes the defense of Pacific Islands Club's James Abuy, right, and Woon Joo Jung during Game 2 of their title series in the Shirley's caging on Monday night at the JP Center Basketball Court.

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Heo, Minor clinch doubles crown

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Junior netters Thea Minor and Ji Hoon Heo foiled Mayuko Arriola's rousing return to local tennis scene.

Minor and Heo defeated Arriola and Jeff Race in the mixed open doubles finals in straight sets, 6-3, 6-0, denying Arriola her second doubles crown in the 2010 DFS Micronesian

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MINOR



HEO

Green Team, Bon-Faiyah set semis duel

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Green Team and Bon-Faiyah moved a win away from reaching the finals of the 2010 Marianas Variety Women's Basketball League

after outclassing separate foes on Monday night at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

The top-seeded Green Team, which drew a bye in the first round of the double-elimination

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Green Team's Melody Matson, right, seen here with the ball slipping from her hands during a regular season game against Team Solid, scored 11 points in their 64-59 playoff win over Team IDK in the women's league on Monday night at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

Falcons nip Ol'Aces, advance to Big finals

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The Falcons advanced to the Big League championship game after hanging on to defeat Ol'Aces, 4-3, Monday night in the 2010 Saipan Little League playoff game at Francisco "Tan Ko" Palacios Ballfield.

The Falcons will play the winner between the Fielders and the D-9ers, which took place last night. The championship game is set tomorrow night beginning 6pm.



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Falcons pitcher Josh Jones, center, joins Ton Rogolofoi, left, and Jonathon Wilson in posing for the camera after leading their team to a 4-3 win in the semifinals of the Big League of the 2010 Saipan Little League Monday night at the Francisco "Tan Ko" Palacios Ballfield.

During the regular season, the Falcons consistently hung around in a number of close baseball games where they ended up falling a little short at the end, but last Monday, justice was served for them on the night when it really counted.

After a scoreless first inning, Ol'Aces struck first with an RBI double from Marvin Kaipat that scored lead off batter Eli Aughenbaugh, who reached off an error.

Then in the bottom half, the Falcons answered back. Dodet Feliciano knocked in Jona-

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